

December 22, 2022

## Greetings / Tansi,

**The Friends of Michel Society (FMS)** was established in 1991 to support Michel Band #472 descendants and advocate for the reinstatement of the Michel Band. At the request of the Government of Canada, FMS recently joined together with other groups committed to these same objectives to form the *Michel Callihoo Nation Society*. The Michel Callihoo Nation Society is engaging in preliminary discussion with the Government of Canada.

FMS' primary goal has always been to see the Michel Band and its peoples recognized. In efforts to support discussions with the Government of Canada and our involvement in the Michel Callihoo Nation Society, FMS will not be referring to itself as Michel First Nation or your elected Chief and Council going forward.

In the interim, FMS will remain in-place as a Society with a Leadership Board. FMS has some outstanding commitments that we will be completing, in addition to our participation in the Michel Callihoo Nation Society.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust during this exciting time. We, the FMS Board, remain committed to advocating for Michel peoples, and helping them reconnect with each other and Michel's way-of-life. We remain steadfast in our pursuit of the advancement of our community for the good of all.

For more information on the Michel Callihoo Nation Society please visit:

<https://www.michelcallihoonationsociety.com/> or contact: [info.michelnation@gmail.com](mailto:info.michelnation@gmail.com)

Sincerely,



**Gilbert Goerz**

Former Michel Chief, and Director/President  
Friends of Michel Society