

RESOLUTION 2021-01

FREE FRENCH INSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR ALL WHO REQUEST THEM

WHEREAS in 2019, Bill 590 – *An Act to amend the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11, section 6)* had been introduced during the first session of the forty-second legislature of the National Assembly of Quebec by Mr. Gregory Kelley, Member of the National Assembly for Jacques-Cartier, to establish the right to free French instruction services for every adult who resides in Québec; and

WHEREAS English-speaking residents of Quebec have clearly expressed their wish to become more bilingual in English and French; and

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec clearly favours the promotion of the French language in Québec and in the official language minorities outside of Quebec; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is presently in the process of a proposed renewal of the Official Languages Act of Canada.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. strongly recommends to the **Minister Responsible for the French Language of Québec**:

that section 6 of the Charter of the French language be amended by inserting section 6.1: *“Every person who resides in Québec has a right to free French instruction services. The Government shall determine by regulation the French instruction services that must be offered free of charge.”* and

that the Final Provision would be: *“This Act comes into force on the date to be set by the Government.”*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. strongly recommends to the **Minister of Education of Québec** that cooperation be assured so that the free French instruction services be provided as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. strongly recommends to the **Minister of Higher Education of Québec** that cooperation be assured so that the free French instruction services be provided as soon as possible.