



Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Resolutions Adopted at the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Resolution 2023-02: Regulate Use of the Notwithstanding Clause

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has pre-emptively used the Notwithstanding Clause to circumvent sections of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* as well as the *Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms* in applying it:

- to sections of Bill 21 (also called *An Act respecting the laicity of the State*), passed by the National Assembly of Québec, and
- to all sections of Bill 96 (also called *An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec*), passed by the National Assembly of Québec.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** strongly recommends to the Government of Québec that the application of the Notwithstanding Clause to Bills 21 and 96 cease immediately; and

THEREFORE be it further resolved that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** strongly recommends to the Government of Canada that Bills 21 and 96 be referred directly to the Supreme Court of Canada; and

THEREFORE be it also further resolved that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** strongly recommends to the Government of Canada that use of the Notwithstanding Clause be referred to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

