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NTI Announces Unveiling Dates of Monuments to Commemorate High Arctic Relocations

(June 1, 2010 -- Iqaluit, Nunavut) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. President Paul Kaludjak today announced two monuments – one in Resolute Bay and one in Grise Fiord – to commemorate the sacrifices made by Inuit relocated to these communities in the 1950s will be unveiled Sept. 8, 2010 in Resolute and Sept. 10, 2010 in Grise Fiord.

In 2009 two of Nunavut's leading carvers were commissioned to create these monuments: Simeonie Amagoalik of Resolute Bay and Looty Pijimani of Grise Fiord.

"I am looking forward to seeing the sculpting and more so the affect the ceremonies will have in the communities and country. The relocations are such an important part of circumpolar history." said Kaludjak.

More than 50 years after the Canadian government relocated families to establish two settlements in the high arctic, sovereignty in the Arctic remains to be on the minds of politicians, media and opportunistic businesses around the world.

"We often hear about the Northwest Passage and Arctic Sovereignty from a tactical point-of-view. The monuments are a reminder that although it was a Canadian ship that brought Inuit families to one of the harshest environments in the world without adequate resources to sustain life, it is thanks only to the strength of families that stuck together through the hardships that the communities became sustainable."

"I invite families across the country to honour the power of family and community and engage and learn more about the relocations." concluded Kaludjak.

For more information on the monuments, visit the NTI website at:

<http://www.tunngavik.com/current-initiatives/arctic-exile-monument-project/>

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