



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Iqaluit, Nunavut

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Resolution # RSA 12-10-14

Inuit children in foster care

Moved by: Attima Hadlari

Seconded by: Jack Anawak

WHEREAS due to a severe and long-standing shortage of foster care and other resources across Nunavut, Inuit children in need of protection are too often placed out-of-territory, and become disconnected from their families, Inuit culture and communities;

AND WHEREAS Inuit are underrepresented in social services positions in Nunavut, which leads to a social services system that is not representative of Inuit values and culture;

AND WHEREAS the July 2011 *Nunavut Social Services Review Final Report*, commissioned by the Government of Nunavut, identified these issues as major concerns of Inuit and made recommendations to address them;

AND WHEREAS the review of the *Child and Family Services Act* through the Social Services Advisory Committee is recognized as a priority area in the GN-NTI *Aajiiqatigiinni* document;

AND WHEREAS the transformation of the Nunavut Social Services system, through changes in legislation, policy and action, has been recognized by the GN as an important priority, and is currently in progress, with NTI's participation;

AND WHEREAS at an annual general meeting in October 2010, the Members call on the GN (1) to establish a foster child placement system in Iqaluit, NU with a stronger commitment on the preservation and promotion of the children's Inuit language, culture and traditional values; and (2) to establish an aftercare program in conjunction with the review of the *Child and Family Services Act* for the purposes of re-integrating Inuit children into their families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members urge the Government of Nunavut to complete the Nunavut Social Services transformation and consult with the Inuit organizations to address the urgent and critical defects in Social Services, including those commitments identified above.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members urge the Government of Nunavut to ensure that appropriate residences are available or established in Nunavut for the care of Inuit children in need of protection.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Abstention: None

Carried:
Defeated:



Date: October 25, 2012