



**NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Rankin Inlet, Nunavut**

**October 18-20, 2016**

**Resolution # RSA 16-10-26**

**Walrus Meat Testing Facility**

**Moved by: Raymond Ningeocheak**

**Seconded by: PJ Akeeagok**

**WHEREAS** Nunavut Inuit have been demanding that a Trichinella Testing Facility be established in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** more walruses are harvested in the Nunavut Settlement Areas than in any other parts of Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** Nunavut Inuit have to send their harvest samples to a facility outside the territory to be tested for trichinella or other parasites, before they are able to consume their catch, as there is no laboratory in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** the out of territory testing process is time consuming and the laboratory results are not always provided on a timely basis to the hunters;

**AND WHEREAS** during the 2012 NTI Annual General Meeting, the Members passed a resolution calling on the government to establish a testing facility in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) has indicated a willingness to work with NTI to pilot a trichinella testing program at the Iqaluit laboratory facility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call on the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Research Institute to expedite the establishment of the pilot trichinella testing program in Nunavut, with an objective of establishing a long-term meat testing laboratory in Nunavut for walrus and other country meats.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

Carried:



Defeated:

