



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Resolution#: RSA-17-10-08

**Legalization of
Cannabis**

Moved by: Stanley Anablak

Seconded by: David Ningeongan

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is seeking to legalize the sale of cannabis in Canada as of July 1, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the decisions on the legalization and the timeline were made without consultation with Canadians in general and Inuit in particular;

AND WHEREAS many communities across Canada have expressed serious concerns that there will not be enough time for the communities to prepare for the legalization, including putting in place the necessary public education, prevention and treatment programs;

AND WHEREAS despite repeated Inuit requests, there are still no treatment and rehabilitation centres for drug and alcohol addictions in Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS due to the legacy of colonialism, residential schools and other historical injustices towards Aboriginal Peoples in Canada, Inuit communities have been negatively and disproportionately affected by drug and alcohol addiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Members call on the Government of Canada to postpone the legalization of cannabis in Canada, and to consult with Inuit on whether cannabis should be legalized and if so, on the timing and the mitigation of the possible negative impacts of the legalization.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Members call on the Government of Canada and Nunavut to make it a priority to establish addictions treatment, rehabilitation and other healing centres in Nunavut.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried:
Defeated: