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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Arctic University

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WHEREAS there has been an increasing number of Inuit pursuing post-secondary education each year, within and outside of Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS Nunavut Arctic College, founded in 1995, and attended by more than a thousand Inuit for its diploma, certificate and training programs each year, provides limited curriculum and limited opportunities for degree programs;

AND WHEREAS hundreds of Inuit leave Nunavut each year to pursue post-secondary education in southern universities, and many of them are disconnected from family and community support, and encounter cultural shock and other challenges;

AND WHEREAS Inuit students from other regions of Inuit Nunangat face similar challenges as stated above in their pursuit of higher education, both within and outside their respective regions;

AND WHEREAS the lack of an Arctic University in Inuit Nunangat hinders Inuit to advance in employment opportunities within government positions as well as in private sectors;

AND WHEREAS the creation of an Arctic University in Inuit Nunangat would significantly improve opportunities for Inuit to pursue post-secondary education, advance Inuit employment and training, and enhance the standard of living for Inuit through higher paying positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Members call upon the Governments of Canada and Nunavut to make it a priority to establish an Arctic University in Inuit Nunangat;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Members call upon the Governments to work closely with the representative organization of each region in Inuit Nunangat and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) to take immediate, concrete steps, including necessary funding commitments, to make the Arctic University a reality;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Inuit culture and language be the root and foundation in the design and development of such an Arctic University.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

Carried:

Defeated: