



# Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

October 20-22, 2020

**Resolution #: RSA-20-10-09**

**Community Wellness, Suicide  
Prevention and Social Equity**

**Moved by:** Malachai Angulalik

**Seconded by:** Stanley Anablak

**WHEREAS** suicide in Nunavut is one of the leading causes of death in the territory and remains the most urgent challenge facing Inuit;

**AND WHEREAS** the Members previously recommended to both the Government of Nunavut (GN) and the Government of Canada that community-based suicide prevention groups and initiatives be given greater support and stable long-term funding;

**AND WHEREAS** in September 2015, the Nunavut Chief Coroner held an inquest into suicide in Nunavut and the recommendations following that inquest created the Quality of Life Secretariat which identified specific actions to greatly strengthen community engagement in suicide prevention and reduce the rate of suicide in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** there is an urgent need to create social equity by addressing poverty, educational attainment, access to health care, housing, and food security at the community level;

**AND WHEREAS** the need for more specialized mental health services in all communities, including Inuit and Inuit Elders as counsellors and access to Inuktitut counselling, is paramount to addressing colonialism and intergenerational trauma that underpin the wider social and economic inequities that cause distress among Nunavut Inuit;

**AND WHEREAS** the GN made a commitment for increased access to community-based, Inuit healing and wellness programs by increasing and enhancing physical infrastructure for community-led wellness programs; exploring options to construct Community Wellness Hubs and investing in capital planning by wellness organizations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Members call upon the GN to take measurable steps to demonstrate progress aimed at social equity in Nunavut communities and fulfill their commitment for an Inuit-centred community-based wellness approach for suicide prevention.

**In Favour:** All

**Against:**

**Abstentions:**

**Carried:**   
**Defeated:**

**Dated:** October 22, 2020