



## NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 22-24, 2019

**Resolution #: RSA-19-10-11**

**Improving Justice System in Nunavut**

**Moved by:** David Ningeongan

**Seconded by:** James Eetoolook

**WHEREAS** prior to colonization, Inuit exercised full self-determination in the prevention of harm and wrongdoing, in ensuring community harmony and management of conflicts;

**AND WHEREAS** the administration of justice currently mainly falls under the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** many major aspects of the current justice system do not adequately serve the needs of Inuit:

- a) Language rights of many Inuit offenders are not adequately met when they come in contact with the justice system, including when interacting with the RCMP; and
- b) the rehabilitation component of the justice system such as restorative justice, wellness programs and community reintegration programs for ex-offenders, is not adequately provided in Nunavut;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to take proactive measures to improve the justice system in Nunavut to;

1. increase efforts to provide Inuktitut in the administration of justice to serve the needs of Inuit offenders;
2. ensure that there are functioning community justice committees in each community and that they are being fully funded, supported and utilized;
3. provide community reintegration programs in Nunavut with the objective of assisting ex-offenders to re-enter society and to rehabilitate to become productive citizens; and
4. maximize participation by Inuit in the full spectrum of the administration of justice including in restorative justice initiatives and community reintegration programs.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

Carried: X

Defeated:

Dated: October 24, 2019