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2015-2017 Annual Report on the State of Inuit Culture and Society Released

(January 28, 2021 – Iqaluit, Nunavut) On Bell Let's Talk Day, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) Acting President James Eetoolook today announced the release of the *2015-2017 Annual Report on the State of Inuit Culture and Society (SICS)*, entitled *Resilience in Life*, which focuses on pathways to reducing suicide in Nunavut.

“Some of our youth grow up believing that suicide is part of our culture. It is not. It is a symptom of colonization and on-going social and economic inequities that cause distress among too many Nunavut Inuit. *Resilience in Life* outlines a path forward to wellness based on Inuit-specific, evidence-based policy approaches”, said Eetoolook

The SICS report recommends that governments aim to create social equity among Nunavut Inuit by implementing Article 32 of the *Nunavut Agreement* to address persistent gaps in areas such as housing, formal education, food security, and health care.

NTI encourages the Government of Nunavut and the Government of Canada take heed to recommendations in the report. The recommendations will require collaboration, resource sharing and thinking about broad approaches to our shared goal.

The report has been provided to the Premier of Nunavut and the Prime Minister of Canada for the tabling of the annual report in the Nunavut Legislative Assembly and the Canadian House of Commons as required under Article 32.3.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement*. Past annual reports can be found by visiting NTI's website at www.tunngavik.com.

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There are options for anyone who needs emotional support.:

- For more information for Nunavut specific resources and other information, please visit www.inuusiq.com or Toll Free : 1-866-804-2782. This site also includes resources and education material
- Kamatsiaqtut Helpline is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-867-979-3333 or toll-free at 1-800-265-3333.
- The First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line can be reached at 1-855-242-3310, or the online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The Kids Help Phone is available 24 hours a day at 1-800-668-6868.