



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

October 24-26, 2023

Resolution No. RSA-23-10-08

**Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and
Wildlife Management**

Moved by: Olayuk Akesuk

Seconded by: Attima Hadlari

WHEREAS wildlife is an integral part of Inuit culture, traditions and livelihood, as well as being the primary source of food that has sustained Inuit for millennia;

AND WHEREAS Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit embraces all aspects of Inuit culture and reflects the collective wisdom and strengths of Inuit society, including an extensive body of knowledge of the land, the sea and the animals, and has been the foundation for past, current and future generations of Inuit to flourish;

AND WHEREAS Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in oral form, being an important part of Inuit oral tradition and history, is a reliable, authoritative, and valuable system of information and knowledge, and should be considered as equivalent to Western Science, and superior especially, in cases where Western Science is lacking;

AND WHEREAS Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, passed by Inuit from generation to generation, has been and continues to be central for Inuit to manage wildlife;

AND WHEREAS Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit has not been sufficiently used in wildlife management processes in Nunavut, as required under the *Nunavut Agreement*, sometimes resulting in poor decisions that affect Inuit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut, the Institutions of Public Government, and other relevant bodies to recognize the central role of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in wildlife management in Nunavut, and to work closely with Inuit to ensure the full inclusion and reflection of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in all decisions affecting wildlife.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

Carried:

Defeated:

Date: October 26, 2023