



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

October 24-26, 2023

**Resolution No. RSA-23-10-11**

**Support for Inuit Harvesters**

**Moved by:** Tommy Akavak

**Seconded by:** Charlie Qumuatuq

**WHEREAS** harvesting for Inuit is a way of life as well as a basic necessity in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** food transported from Southern Canada is prohibitively expensive in Nunavut, and nearly 70% of Inuit homes are food insecure and the Nunavut household food insecurity rate is over eight times higher than the Canadian average;

**AND WHEREAS** harvesting provides nutritious food for Inuit families, supports food security, in addition to promoting both physical and mental health in Inuit communities and sustaining Inuit way of life, and the harvesting economy is worth approximately \$40 million annually in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** the high cost of gasoline and basic harvesting equipment is a significant barrier for many Inuit harvesters to participate in harvesting activities, and the recent surge in cost of living in Canada further reduced Inuit harvesters' ability to engage in harvesting activities, which may lead to poorer nutrition, poorer physical and mental health, and a lower quality of life in Inuit communities;

**AND WHEREAS** additional support is needed for Inuit harvesters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call on the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to work with Inuit Organizations to examine the existing regulatory, policy and financial barriers for Inuit harvesters, and to make systemic improvements to support harvesting economy that may include, without limitation, employment insurance eligibility, tax exemption and rebate for gasoline and harvesting equipment, and entitlement to leave from employment etc.

**In Favour:** All

**Against:**

**Abstention:**

**Carried:**

**Defeated:**

Date: October 26, 2023