



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Iqaluit, Nunavut

November 17-20, 2009

Resolution#: RSA 09-11-15

High Arctic Exiles Formal Apology

Moved by: Joe Attagataluk

Seconded by: Philip Paneak

WHEREAS in 1953 and 1955, several families, now known as the High Arctic Exiles, from Northern Quebec and North Baffin were unilaterally and forcefully relocated to the High Arctic communities of Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada initially claimed this relocation was necessary to ease the hardship of Inuit in Northern Quebec, but Inuit learned and later began to believe the Government of Canada's underlying motivation for this relocation was to support its assertion of sovereignty over the Arctic; and

WHEREAS the relocation has negatively affected these families and their succeeding generations; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada provided financial compensation through an out-of-court settlement to the original High Arctic Exiles; but has never made a public and formal apology to the High Arctic Exiles; and

WHEREAS Inuit have requested and continue to request that the Government of Canada publicly and formally apologize to these High Arctic Exiles and their succeeding generations for the wrongful relocation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members recommend that NTI strongly urge the Government of Canada to provide a public and formal apology to the High Arctic exiles.

In favor: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated:

Date: November 19, 2009