



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 26-28, 2010

Resolution#: RSA 10-10-19

Inuit culture and foster children

Moved by: Mary Avalak

Seconded by: George Qulaut

WHEREAS, Inuit children, to a varying extent, lose their Inuit language, culture and traditional value when they are placed in non-Inuit foster homes outside of Nunavut for long periods of time;

AND WHEREAS, these children have a difficult time adjusting back to their families, communities and Inuit culture and tradition, which is not in the best interest of the children and Inuit, and hurts the grandparents, parents and other family members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the Government of Nunavut to establish a foster child placement system with a strong emphasis on the preservation and promotion of the children's Inuit language, culture and traditional values, and to that end, to minimize placement of Inuit children in non-Inuit foster homes outside of Nunavut, and to avoid placing Inuit children outside of Nunavut unless the care they need, be it mental health treatment or physical disability assistance, is not available in Nunavut;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the Government of Nunavut to establish an aftercare program in conjunction with the review of the Child and Family Services Act for the purposes of re-integrating Inuit children back into their families, communities and Inuit culture and tradition if they have been placed in non-Inuit families for long periods of time.

In favour: All in favour

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated:

Date: October 28, 2010