



# Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

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Resolution #: RSA-22-10-12

Data on Poverty Reduction

Moved by: Peter Taktogon

Seconded by: James Eetoolook

**WHEREAS** poverty is a situation that exists today in Nunavut when people cannot access the supports they need to maintain their connection to the land or participate fully in the wage-based economy, as defined by the Nunavut Roundtable on Poverty Reduction;

**AND WHEREAS** many expert reports on measuring poverty highlight that Nunavut continues to have higher rates of poverty than other provinces and territories, including the national Canadian average, and that poverty is overwhelmingly a condition experienced by Inuit in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** international research outlines three elements that are used to measure poverty which includes 1) capability poverty: lacking the skills or health to meet their needs and participate fully in their community; 2) social poverty: being excluded from economic, political or community opportunities as a result of barriers to participation; and 3) financial poverty: not having enough income for basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing;

**AND WHEREAS** statistics and social indicators show that Inuit, including children, face levels of food insecurity almost five times the national Canadian average; one in six Inuit live in a low-income household; and 41% of Inuit had not completed high school in 2016 compared to the Canadian average of 8%;

**AND WHEREAS** both levels of Government have failed to adequately implement or incorporate fundamental Inuit economic, social, cultural goals and objectives, which includes but is not limited to, Inuit employment in government at a representative level and ensuring Inuktitut is the primary language of instruction in Nunavut's formal education system;

**AND WHEREAS** data on aspects of poverty specific to Nunavut Inuit is difficult to access, outdated or not analyzed or measured adequately by both levels of Government which impacts accountability on Government to make concrete and measurable progress towards reducing poverty in Nunavut;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call on the Government of Nunavut and the Government of Canada, working with the Inuit organizations, to undertake the necessary work to better understand the scope and impact of poverty on Inuit in Nunavut and to ensure a strong framework for monitoring measurable progress on poverty reduction.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

**Carried:**   
**Defeated:**

Dated: October 20, 2022