



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 21-23, 2025

Resolution No. RSA-25-10-10

Mental Wellness

Moved by: Solomon Allurut

Seconded by: Patrick Tagoona

WHEREAS Inuit have endured harmful, colonial, and assimilative government policies and practices for decades, which remains one of the primary sources of mental health challenges in Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS mental health issues such as substance-related disorders, suicide, and trauma-related disorders continue to significantly impact the mental wellness of Inuit;

AND WHEREAS in June 2025 Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Government of Nunavut jointly reaffirmed suicide to be a crisis in Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS according to a February 2024 report the *Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction*, indicated that one in four deaths by suicide in Canada involves alcohol, either as a means of suicide or because alcohol was detected in the person's body at the time of death, and this highlights the significant relationship between substance use, trauma and suicide risk;

AND WHEREAS the need for more specialized mental health and addictions services including the involvement of Inuit counsellors and Elders, as well as access to counselling in Inuktitut, is paramount to addressing the trauma and substance-related disorders that underpin broader social and economic inequities contributing to distress among Inuit and communities;

AND WHEREAS NTI acknowledges its significant role and responsibility as a Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Partner and plans to undertake work for youth mental wellness, including establishing a position dedicated to youth wellness and conducting a feasibility study on a partnership approach for supportive housing for youth in crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the Government of Nunavut to provide long-term and adequate funding to ensure effective implementation of all government-led actions on suicide prevention under Inuusivut Annirnaqtut;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the Government of Nunavut and the Government of Canada to act immediately to allocate emergency resources, and coordinate with all government departments and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, to ensure a whole of government approach to the suicide crisis in Nunavut.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried:



Defeated:



Dated: October 23, 2025