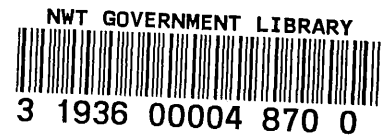


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RESOLUTION #8 - 90

**Inuktitut Speakers in
Senior Government Positions**

WHEREAS the Inuktitut language is both a language and the expression of the Inuit worldview, the only true expression of Inuit culture and values;

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories has recognized the functional necessity of Inuktitut by making it a working language of its legislature;

WHEREAS the GNWT already encourages the retention and strengthening of Inuktitut thru programs of the Inuktitut section of the Department of Culture & Communication;

WHEREAS the GNWT Department of Education also actively encourages the strengthening of Inuktitut thru programs in its schools; and

WHEREAS only a fluent Inuktitut speaking senior manager is able to truly understand the cultural component of management and team building;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1990 Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association urges the Government of the Northwest Territories to recognize the importance of having people who are fluent in Inuktitut in senior government positions at the regional level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT Department of Personnel should be instructed to place the statement "During the establishment of criteria for the hiring of this position, the highest priority will be placed on the ability to speak Inuktitut fluently" in all advertisements for senior government positions at the regional level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all future GNWT Regional Directors MUST be fluent in Inuktitut.

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