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**RESOLUTION 44 - 90**

**C Initiative to Research the Feasibility  
of a Common Inuit Orthography**

WHEREAS Inuit Circumpolar Conference Resolution 89-34, adopted July 28 1989 by the ICC General Assembly in Sisimiut, Greenland, directs the ICC Executive Council "to establish a committee, consisting of two members from each of the nation states to research the feasibility of a common writing system throughout the circumpolar region";

WHEREAS a research project of this type was carried out in Canada during the 1970s by the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada;

WHEREAS a similar research project carried out across the circumpolar world in the 1990s would serve as a valuable instrument to improve the ability of Inuit of different nation states and different regions in Canada to communicate with each other;

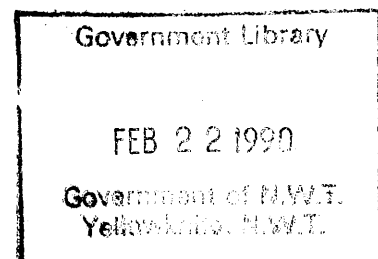
WHEREAS such a research project would encourage discussion on the role of language development in the strengthening of Inuit culture;

WHEREAS some misunderstanding of the intent of the ICC resolution appears have taken place, which may have caused concern among Keewatin Inuit; and

WHEREAS Inuit who are partial to one writing system or another have nothing to fear from a research project designed and carried out by Inuit in a democratic fashion under the auspices of a respected Inuit body such as the ICC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1990 Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association, having carefully reviewed ICC Resolution 89-34, is in complete support of the intent of this resolution and will do everything possible to encourage and facilitate the work of the committee to be formed as result of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the KIA has complete confidence that the feelings and opinions of Keewatin Inuit will be respected and taken into account by the committee;



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the KIA urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to adequately fund the work of the committee, as agreed in Sisimlut;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the KIA nominate Jose Amaujaq Kusugak of Rankin Inlet to be a member of such a committee because of his experience and commitment to the Inuit language and culture;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the committee be directed to work closely with Mark Kalluak and other resource staff of the Inuit Cultural Institute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the KIA send a message of greetings and support to the ICC Executive Council.

**MOVED:** Michael Kusugak

**SECONDED:** John Kaunak

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