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Inuit Women's Association

RESOLUTION #7

SUPPORT FOR INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR YOUTH ACTION ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

WHEREAS the Inuit youth in the circumpolar hemisphere are committing suicide at an alarming rate, far above the national average rates;

AND WHEREAS the Inuit youth recognize the need for short and long term strategies involving Inuit organizations, the communities and the youth themselves;

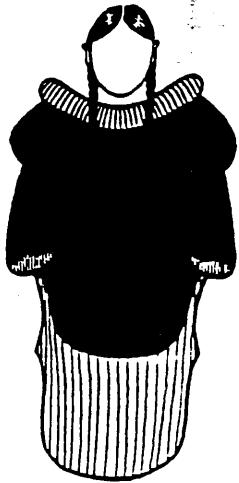
AND WHEREAS the circumpolar Inuit youth have strongly urged all concerned groups to support the establishment of family and community planning to address the the problem of suicide;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pauktuutit commends the circumpolar Inuit youth for taking the initiative and addressing the problem of suicide;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pauktuutit fully support all co-operative efforts and initiatives at the community, regional, national and international levels aimed at addressing suicide prevention.

Moved by: Ruby Arngna'naaq
Seconded by: Dorothy Mesher

Unanimously carried.



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INUIT YOUTH - SOCIAL PROBLEMS

WHEREAS the Inuit youth of Canada are experiencing serious social problems such as the unusually high suicide and drug and alcohol rates; and

WHEREAS the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and Pauktuutit share a common concern about the present circumstances and prospects of Inuit youth; and

WHEREAS Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and Pauktuutit have organizational structures in place to represent the best interests of all Inuit in the NWT, Northern Quebec and Labrador and in Canada generally; and

WHEREAS there has been some initial discussions with Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Pauktuutit, Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, Tungavik Federation of Nunavut Trainees and the Department of the Secretary of State in Ottawa about possible project ideas to address the problems that face Inuit youth.;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada Board of Directors support a joint ITC - Pauktuutit project, which would work with IBC, to produce a series of Inuktitut and English public service announcements aimed at Inuit youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the objective of these public service announcements be to encourage Inuit youth to be proud of their culture, heritage and language and to project a positive image of the Inuit future - a future which can only be enhanced with the participation of Canada's Inuit youth.

Moved by: Enocya Enook
Seconded by: Martha Flaherty

Passed unanimously at the April 27th, 1990 Pauktuutit Board of Directors Teleconference.