



Media Release

Inuit Circumpolar Council Calls on All to Celebrate *Inuit Day*

November 5, 2015 – **Iqaluit** – Okalik Egeesiak, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and the ICC Executive Council calls on all peoples to celebrate Inuit Day November 7.

In 2006 ICC General Assembly in Barrow, Alaska instructed ICC to “annually proclaim the November 7th birth date of Inuit visionary, Eben Hopson, Sr., as Inuit Day, and to urge all governments, agencies, and communities to annually conduct appropriate ceremonies and celebrations.”

Since 1977, the Inuit Circumpolar Council has flourished and grown into a major international non-government organization representing approximately 160,000 Inuit of Alaska (US), Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka (Russia) and holds a seat as Consultative Status II at the United Nations.

“November 7th commemorates the birthday of ICC’s founder; Eben Hopson Sr. ICC continues to strive for healthier Inuit communities contributing positively to the global community as envisioned by Inuit leaders in 1977. Our collective unity, in this celebration, demonstrates the partnership Inuit take pride in. From our homes, from our communities, from Inuit Nunaat - Happy Inuit Day!” said Ms. Egeesiak.

Our language contains the memory of four thousand years of human survival through conservation and good management of our Arctic wealth. (Eben Hopson, 1977)



ICC Executive Council (left to right): Herb Nakimayak, James Stotts, Vera Metcalf, Duane Smith, Tatiana Achirgina, Hjalmar Dahl, Okalik Egeesiak, Martha Abelsen

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