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R E L E A S E

MLA for Quttiktuq resigns from the Legislative Assembly

IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 23, 2000) - In a letter to the Speaker dated August 22, 2000, the Member for Quttiktuq, Levi Barnabas, declared his decision to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

Speaker Kevin O'Brien said, "The Member's decision to resign was taken in consultation with his family, constituents and community Elders. It followed the conversations that he had in recent days with many members of Caucus."

The *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides for the Speaker to inform the Commissioner of Nunavut of a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly.

"I expect that a decision will be taken within a reasonable period of time on the date of a by-election in Quttiktuq," said Speaker O'Brien. "Because of the sudden nature of these events, the next step will be the appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer to administer the by-election. I am confident that the necessary administrative measures will be taken in an orderly fashion."

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