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Legislative Assembly of Nunavut Recommends Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer

IQALUIT, **Nunavut (November 27, 2001)** - The Legislative Assembly today recommended that Ms. Sandy Kusugak of Rankin Inlet be appointed as the territory's Chief Electoral Officer.

The appointment follows the recommendation contained in the report delivered to the Assembly today by David Iqaqrialu, Chair of the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit. The Standing Committee, in cooperation with Nunavut Tunngavik's Raymond Ningeocheak, was tasked with undertaking a competitive selection process for a new Chief Electoral Officer.

"We were successful in finding a very well-qualified individual, who is very well-known to Nunavut, " said Mr. Iqaqrialu. "She has been involved in administering a number of elections in Nunavut and the NWT, not only for territorial elections, but those at the federal and municipal level, as well as for NTI and other Inuit organizations."

As Nunavut's Chief Electoral Officer, Ms. Kusugak will be responsible for establishing a Nunavut-based elections office, which will oversee all future general elections and by-elections in Nunavut.

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