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R E L E A S E

**First Sitting of the Third Legislative Assembly and
Swearing-in Ceremony rescheduled to November 19, 2008**

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 17, 2008) - The swearing-in ceremony for Members of the Third Legislative Assembly of Nunavut will take place at 9:00am (EST) on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly. The first sitting day of the Third Legislative Assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 1:30pm (EST).

These events will also be open to the public to observe from the Visitors' Gallery and will be broadcast live across Nunavut on local community cable channels.

Caucus agreed this morning to reschedule these events in honour of the memory of Simonie Michael, who passed away on the weekend. Simonie Michael's funeral will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

MLA for Iqaluit East and Premier-Elect Eva Aariak said, "Simonie Michael was the first Inuk to serve as an elected Member of the Territorial Council of the Northwest Territories. His election in 1966 was an important step forward in the evolution of our territory and its democratic institutions. It is appropriate that we recognize his service to Nunavut by taking the time to reflect on his legacy."

Flags at the Legislative Assembly Precinct have been lowered to half-mast in honour of Simonie Michael.

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