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Legislative Assembly Unanimously Passes Motion Calling on the Government of Canada to Reinstate Federal Funding for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 18, 2010) - The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut today unanimously passed a motion calling on the Government of Canada to fully reinstate funding for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation.

The motion was introduced by Johnny Ningeongan, MLA for Nanulik.

On the occasion of the Assembly's consideration of the motion, Mr. Ningeongan said, "The federal government must recognize that healing takes time. Some of our healing programs are only just beginning to have a profound positive impact. Now is not the time to pull away the support."

The motion was seconded by Ron Elliott, MLA for Quttiktuq.

"The momentum towards healing in our communities has begun. With the loss of these funds, the momentum and everything that these organizations have worked towards will be interrupted and, in some cases, terminated," noted Mr. Elliott.

"Today, our Members spoke with a united voice," reflected Premier Eva Aariak after the successful passage of the motion.

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