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Advisory Council Announces 2014 Appointment to the Order of Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 24, 2014) - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Chairperson of the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council George Qulaut today announced that Mr. John Amagoalik is the 2014 recipient of the Order of Nunavut.

On January 1, 2010, *The Order of Nunavut Act* came into force. The objective of the Order is to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the cultural, social or economic well-being of Nunavut. The Order is the highest honour of Nunavut and takes precedence over all other orders, decorations or medals conferred by the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Amagoalik's leadership career began in the 1970s, at the beginning of the movement to establish Nunavut. Mr. Amagoalik has served as the President of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Co-Chair of the Inuit Committee on National Issues, Chair of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum and Chief Commissioner of the Nunavut Implementation Commission. Mr. Amagoalik has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and a National Aboriginal Achievement Award.

"John Amagoalik's work to create Nunavut is recognized throughout the nation as having contributed to changing the face of Canada," said Speaker Qulaut. "It is fitting that the Advisory Council has decided that this year's recipient of the Order of Nunavut is a statesman who is known throughout our territory as the 'Father of Nunavut'."

Mr. Amagoalik will be invested into the Order of Nunavut at a ceremony to be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 6:00pm. The ceremony will be held in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.

The Commissioner of Nunavut will preside over the investiture in her capacity as Chancellor of the Order.

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