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**Advisory Council Announces  
First Appointments to the Order of Nunavut**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 29, 2011)** - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Chairperson of the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council Hunter Tootoo today announced the first appointments to the Order of Nunavut.

The Order of Nunavut will be bestowed on the late Jose Amaujaq Kusugak, the late Mark Kalluak, C.M. and the Reverend Michael Gardener, C.M.

“It is appropriate that the first appointments to the Order of Nunavut recognize three exceptionally distinguished individuals, two of whom passed away after nominations opened earlier this year,” said Speaker Tootoo. “The impact of their contributions to our territory will be measured in generations.”

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.

“I know that the families of Jose and Mark will be very proud to accept the Order of Nunavut on their behalf,” said Jack Anawak, Vice-President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. “As they join with Mike and his family later this year to receive this honour, Nunavummiut will be united in paying tribute to three leaders whose legacies touch us all.”

The first investiture ceremony will be held in the fall of this year on a date to be announced. The Commissioner of Nunavut will preside over the ceremony in her capacity as Chancellor of the Order. Nominations for the Order will re-open later this year.

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