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### **Order of Nunavut Investiture Ceremony to be held on September 12, 2013**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 10, 2013)** - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Chairperson of the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council Hunter Tootoo today announced that Messrs. Jimmy Akavak, Louis Angalik, Sr. and Davidee Arnakak will be invested into the Order of Nunavut at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 5:00pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.

The investiture ceremony will be open to the public to observe and will be televised live across Nunavut on the Legislative Assembly's cable broadcast channel.

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.

In June of this year, the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council announced the 2013 recipients of the Order.

Jimmy Akavak of Iqaluit served in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for approximately 30 years in a number of Nunavut communities prior to his retirement from the force in 2012. Mr. Akavak has been recognized on numerous occasions for his pioneering work in the fields of community policing, victim support and crisis management.

Louis Angalik, Sr. of Arviat will be retiring this year from his position as a Culture and Heritage Advisor with the Department of Education. Mr. Angalik has been involved in a number of initiatives to provide on-the-land rehabilitative programming for youth and adult offenders. He has also worked closely with other renowned Elders, including the late Mark Kalluak, who received the Order of Nunavut in 2011, on such initiatives as the Arviat Archaeology and Oral History Project.

Davidee Arnakak of Pangnirtung was the founding Chair of the Nunavut Disabilities Makinnasuaqtii Society, an activist for the disabled and a former Mayor of Pangnirtung.

Commissioner of Nunavut Edna Ekhivalak Elias will preside over the investiture ceremonies in her capacity as Chancellor of the Order of Nunavut.

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