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R E L E A S E

Legislative Assembly Recommends Appointment of Representative for Children and Youth

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 6, 2019) - The Legislative Assembly today approved a motion recommending that Ms. Marilyn Jane Bates be appointed Nunavut's new Representative for Children and Youth. The motion was unanimously adopted by the House.

The territorial *Representative for Children and Youth Act* provides that the Representative holds office for a five-year term. The appointment of Ms. Bates is effective July 22, 2019.

In January of this year, the Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly publicly invited applications for the position of Representative for Children and Youth.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Simeon Mikkungwak said, "Ms. Bates has been a child protection and family services professional for a quarter of a century, and brings close to two decades of experience in the North to the position of Representative for Children and Youth."

Speaker Mikkungwak added, "On behalf of our institution, I would like to acknowledge Ms. Sherry McNeil-Mulak for her service as Nunavut's first Representative for Children and Youth and to thank her for helping to ensure a smooth transition for her successor."

A biographical note is attached.

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Biographical Note

Marilyn Jane Bates

Ms. Bates received her Bachelor of Social Work degree from Ryerson University in 1994, and began her professional career as a Family Services Social Worker for the Peel Children's Aid Society. In 2001, Ms. Bates moved to the Yukon, where she served in progressively more senior positions in the field of youth and family support services until her return to Ontario in 2018. Ms. Bates has specialized training and experience in the areas of child protection, family services, youth justice, crisis intervention, restorative community conferencing and critical incident investigation.