

## Media Statement

## World Suicide Prevention Day

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 10, 2004) – Health and Social Services Minister Levinia Brown issued the following statement in recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day:

In Nunavut we have taken several steps in preventing suicide and this day is particularly important in furthering our cause at home and around the world.

The Department of Health and Social Services and the Isaksimagit Inuusirmi Katujjiqatigiit invite all Nunavummiut to walk in celebration of life in Nunavut today. Communities across the territory will be holding walks.

We invite all Nunavummiut to support each other as well as supporting friends and family. Join us in a celebration of life.

Suicide prevention will continue to be a major component of our mental health system and we are committed to developing programs and services that address suicide and the effects it has on our families and communities.

## Levinia Brown, Minister of Health and Social Services

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