



Statement - By Nunavut Premier Eva Aariak

Governor General of Canada Visit to Nunavut

May 29, 2009

Iqaluit, NU

On behalf of the government and Nunavummiut, I want to express our gratitude towards Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean Governor General of Canada. We are honoured to have Her Excellency here in Nunavut as part of our 10 year celebration.

As part of the visit we have arranged a special luncheon on Saturday, May 30th for Her Excellency, and distinguished guests. In celebration we are serving a variety of country food.

We are honoured Her Excellency attended a community feast in Rankin Inlet. Eating seal and other wildlife is an integral part of Inuit culture. We have gained from her showing of utmost respect, awareness and wisdom towards Inuit.

As a multicultural country, we have the freedom to not be judged by the fabric of our cultural individuality. It is our fundamental belief that all Canadians are equal and we all take pride in our identity and ancestry. Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean Governor General of Canada has shown her and Canada's acceptance of the diversity of this country, and especially Inuit culture. We are honoured to share our culture with Her Excellency.

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