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Premier Aariak Presents Literacy Award

IQALUIT, NU (October 24, 2011) – Premier Eva Aariak today presented Louise Flaherty, of Iqaluit, with the 2011 Council of the Federation Literacy Award for Nunavut

"Louise Flaherty has made a significant contribution to our society and I am honoured to recognize her exceptional commitment to Inuktitut literacy in Nunavut," said Premier Aariak. "After the recent release of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.'s Annual Report on the State of Inuit Culture, it is especially timely to commend Louise for her work publishing Inuktitut books and resources. Louise is actively ensuring that our language stays strong and is helping Inuit develop the literacy skills necessary to contribute to the prosperity of both Nunavut and Canada."

The 2011 Premier's Council of the Federation of Literacy Award honours the achievements of an adult learner who has worked to promote their language and supported, encouraged and shared with others ways to strengthen their language skills.

The Council of the Federation Literacy Award was created in 2004 by the Premiers of Canada to recognize the importance of literacy as a major factor in the ability of Canadians to participate as full and active citizens in all areas of society.

Each recipient receives a certificate, signed by the Premier of their province or territory, as well as a Council of the Federation Literacy Award medallion.

"The Council of the Federation Literacy Award publicly recognizes leaders in the field of literacy and celebrates remarkable achievement and I am very proud to honour Louise Flaherty in this way," said Premier Aariak.

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