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International Women’s Day

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 8, 2012) – Today is International Women’s Day, and Nunavummiut are invited to celebrate the social achievements of women as community members, leaders and the makers of history.

“I invite all Nunavummiut to celebrate women today,” said Premier Eva Aariak, who is also the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. “Let us continue to encourage and support all women in Nunavut to ensure the future is bright, equal, safe and rewarding for today’s woman and the future generations that will follow in our footsteps.”

The Government of Nunavut (GN) offers programs and initiatives to encourage and help women reach their goals. The Women’s Initiatives Grants and Contributions Program supports community initiatives designated to protect and promote women’s well-being and to encourage the empowerment of women. The GN also funds the Qulliit Status of Women Council, which advocates for the equality, well-being and equal participation of women in Nunavut and society.

“This government encourages and supports women to embrace the important role they play in society, which is what celebrating International Women’s Day is all about,” Premier Aariak said.

International Women's Day first emerged in 1911 from the activities of labour movements in North America and across Europe. Men and women joined together to rally for women’s right to vote, hold public office, work, to undertake vocational training, and to an end to discrimination on the job.

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