

## **News Release**

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## Promoting our language through Inuit Annuragausingit

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 3, 2016)** – *Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq*, Nunavut's annual celebration of Inuktut and Inuit culture, is the entire month of February.

"We worked with language stakeholders across Nunavut to select this year's theme, *Inuit Annuraquusingit*, or Inuit clothing," said Minister of Languages George Kuksuk. "This theme celebrates our rich and artistic heritage. I invite all Nunavummiut to take time to celebrate and learn more about the innovation of Inuit clothing and design, and its related terminology throughout February."

As part of this year's celebration, the Department of Culture and Heritage will release recordings of the 2015 winners of Qilaut, Nunavut's annual Inuktut music contest. The winning songs will be available online and as a CD. Boxes of Inuktut resources will also be delivered to every school, daycare and library in Nunavut. The boxes include books, flash cards, posters and information about the 2016 theme.

The Government of Nunavut encourages all Nunavummiut to participate in this year's celebration by speaking, teaching, and learning Inuktut, and by organizing cultural activities at home and in our communities, workplaces and schools. For more information about this year's theme, and Inuktut activities and resources, visit <a href="https://www.ch.gov.nu.ca">www.ch.gov.nu.ca</a>.

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