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Signing of the Fourth Inuusivut Annirnaqtut Action Plan 2024-2029

Iqaluit, Nunavut (October 30, 2024) – Today, the Honourable John Main, Minister of Health, proudly signed the fourth Inuusivut Annirnaqtut Action Plan for 2024-2029 in the Legislative Assembly. This comprehensive plan, developed through extensive consultation with Nunavummiut, reflects input from community members across the territory and the collaboration of key partners.

The Inuusivut Annirnaqtut Action Plan was initiated in June 2022 by the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS) partners: the Government of Nunavut (GN), Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), the Isaksimagit Inuusirmi Katujjiqatigiit Embrace Life Council (IIKELC), and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), 'V' Division. The plan builds on the findings of the 2017-2023 final report, ensuring that lessons learned inform the initiatives moving forward.

“This action plan represents the voices and concerns of Nunavummiut, and we are committed to making meaningful changes,” said Minister Main. “Our goal is to create a future where suicide is no longer normalized in Nunavut. The actions outlined here are evidence-based and focused on reducing our suicide rates to match or fall below the national average. The success of this plan depends on everyone playing their part. From community members to government departments, this is a shared responsibility,” added Minister Main. “This is about more than just statistics – it's about saving lives and building a future where every Nunavut resident feels supported and valued.”

“The collaboration between all partners was key to ensuring this plan promotes life through actions that are holistic and support the Inuit social determinants of health.” said NTI President Aluki Kotierk. “We have worked hard to ensure that the voices of youth, and all Inuit are reflected in this plan. By working together, we can address the root causes of suicide and foster wellness in Nunavut.”

The plan emphasizes avoiding duplication of existing programs, promoting collaboration among agencies, ensuring program sustainability, and implementing measurable

