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13th ICC General Assembly “Inuit – The Arctic We Want”

July 18, 2017 – **Ottawa, ON** - Inuit from Canada, Alaska, Greenland and Chukotka will come together July 16-19, 2018 on the shores of the confluence of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, in Utqiagvik, Alaska for the 13th ICC General Assembly under the banner “**Inuit - The Arctic We Want**”.

ICC Chair, Okalik Egeesiak is pleased to announce that the Governor of Alaska, Honorable William Martin Walker, has accepted to be the ICC General Assembly Patron.

Egeesiak added, “This General Assembly will see 66 delegates take stock of where Inuit are and discuss the Arctic we want. We will discuss policies and strategies that will guide the work of ICC for the upcoming 2018-2022 term under the Alaskan Chairmanship”.

June 15th, 2017 the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) celebrated 40 years of service in advancing the Arctic and Inuit issues globally. During this time ICC has become one of the most respected international Indigenous Organizations and a trusted and compelling voice for Inuit in Arctic global issues. Over the intervening years ICC has come together 12 times with strong Inuit leadership and visionaries.

“We are looking forward to gathering in Utqiagvik next year to celebrate our community, solidarity and strength”, stated Jim Stotts, Vice Chair, Alaska.

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