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Iqaluit Mayor Signs Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Proclamation Dec 3, 2012

What: The Mayor of Iqaluit, John Graham will lead local support of Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN) by signing the Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week Proclamation. Iqaluit joins previous event host cities Regina, Ottawa, and Vancouver in annually recognizing December 1-5 as Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week.

Mayor Graham will do a symbolic signing of the proclamation at the Iqaluit Council Chambers as part of Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week's National Youth Day event hosted in Iqaluit on Monday, December 3, 2012. The proclamation affirms the City of Iqaluit's commitment to work towards this year's Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week goal of: Getting to Zero. Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS related deaths.

"By signing the proclamation, Mayor Graham and the City of Iqaluit demonstrate their support of the work we do at CAAN, and further help us in reaching our goal of getting to zero," stated Ken Clement, CEO of CAAN. "The community is taking a lead role in promoting not only prevention education, but also supporting Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS."

Co-hosted by Pauktuutit, the National Youth Day event will also launch "Tukisiviit – Do You Understand?" Pauktuutit's new sexual health terminology glossary. This glossary is essential for opening the discussion on HIV/AIDS in Inuit communities and will help CAAN and Pauktuutit work together with Mayor Graham and the City of Iqaluit to increase awareness of the systemic nature of HIV/AIDS in Aboriginal people and specifically Inuit.

Where: Council Chambers, City Hall, Iqaluit, NU

When: Monday, December 3, 2012 at 3:30pm

More Info: www.aboriginalaidsawareness.com

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