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Nunatsiavut Day message from President Lampe

Today we mark 15 years of the birth of Nunatsiavut and the establishment of self-government. While this has been a trying and difficult year, as we all strive to cope with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still much to celebrate.

December 1, 2005 was a momentous day for Labrador Inuit, as it marked the end of more than 30 years of negotiations and hard work on the part of a lot of people, and began a new chapter in our history.

We have made significant strides over the years addressing the many social and economic needs of our people and our communities. While we still face enormous challenges, we realize we are the architects of our own fate, and history has demonstrated that we are resilient, determined and, above all, proud. The challenges we face today, will make us much stronger tomorrow as we continue to adapt to modern society.

While we remember those who survived before us, and acknowledge the hardships Inuit have overcome over the years, we must also look forward and appreciate just how far we've come. We must also continue to embrace all of the positive changes that are taking place around us.

As we celebrate Nunatsiavut Day and prepare for the holiday season, I ask that we all remain vigilant, by continuing to follow all public health COVID-19 protocols: wash your hands, practice safe social distancing, wear a mask, and avoid gatherings.

