

## STATEMENT

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## Nunatsiavut Day message from President Lampe

Tomorrow, December 1, marks 17 years of the birth of Nunatsiavut and the establishment of self-government, and a time to celebrate the strength and determination of so many Labrador Inuit whose vision became reality on December 1, 2005 when the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement came into effect.

The effective date of implementation of our Land Claims Agreement also marked the end of nearly 30 years of negotiations and hard work on the part of a lot of people, some who are no longer with us and to whom we remember as we celebrate this momentous day.



We have made, and continue to make, significant strides in addressing the many social and economic needs of our

people and our communities. While we continue to face many challenges, we have repeatedly demonstrated that we are a vibrant people, a proud people and, above all resilient.

As we continue down the path of self governance, we have to ensure we remain committed to preserving and maintaining our way of life, our culture, language and identity, while we work to create a better tomorrow for future generations.

As we celebrate Nunatsiavut's anniversary, let us take time to reflect on our accomplishments as a people and as a government, and embrace all of the positive changes around us as we strive for a better tomorrow.

In observance of Nunatsiavut Day, all Nunatsiavut Government offices will be closed. I encourage all employees to enjoy you day and be proud of the work that you have done, and continue to do, for the betterment of our people and our communities.

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