

## Motion

### **Development of an Anti-Poverty Strategy**

WHEREAS every person has the right to a standard of living adequate to the well-being of their families and themselves;

AND WHEREAS approximately ten percent of Canadians, or 2.9 million people lived in poverty in 2007;

AND WHEREAS in some NWT communities, up to 50% of households have a total income of less than \$30,000;

AND WHEREAS 40% of NWT households with a senior have incomes below \$40,000;

AND WHEREAS health indicators, educational achievement, child apprehension rates and family violence can be directly related to poverty;

AND WHEREAS poverty is human-made and can be overcome;

AND WHEREAS the GNWT currently has no official definition of poverty and no clear and integrated strategy to combat poverty;

AND WHEREAS it should be a priority goal of the GNWT to eradicate poverty in the Northwest Territories; and

AND WHEREAS eradicating poverty will significantly contribute to the achievement of all of the Legislative Assembly's goals and priorities;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Weledeh, that the Government develop an Anti-Poverty Strategy for the Northwest Territories;



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| Date of Notice:       | February 8, 2010  | Moved by:           | Ms. Bisaro  |
| Date of Introduction: | February 11, 2010 | Seconded by:        | Mr. Bromley |
| Disposition:          | Carried RV        |                     |             |
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AND FURTHER, that the Premier initiate discussions towards this strategy in partnership with business, organizations and those living in poverty;

AND FURTHER, that the Government and partners start by developing a definition of poverty;

AND FURTHER, that the Anti-Poverty Strategy identify specific, measurable targets, with clear cross-departmental mechanisms for coordination and integration of actions;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.