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## Official Symbols Campaign Launched

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (September 13, 1999)** - The Honourable Levi Barnabas, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, today announced the start of a campaign to solicit input from Nunavut residents into the selection of official symbols for the new territory.

"MLAs announced at our Caucus Retreat in Baker Lake that the views of the people of Nunavut would be listened to before any decisions are made," Speaker Barnabas said.

It is the practice throughout Canada for provincial and territorial legislatures to designate such official symbols for their jurisdictions as floral emblems, trees, animals and other categories. Nunavut's flag and coat of arms were unveiled on April 1.

"In particular, we have received a significant number of inquiries from places in Canada and abroad as to what our official flower is," Speaker Barnabas said.

*The Floral Emblem Act* of the NWT was one of the statutes not inherited by Nunavut on April 1.

A promotional pamphlet has been sent to schools, hamlet offices and Elders' facilities. The pamphlet is also available from MLAs' constituency offices and the Legislative Assembly. Suggestions for new official symbols will be accepted until October 15.

"I encourage people to let us know what symbols they want to see represent our territory," Speaker Barnabas said.

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