RESOLUTION #2 – FROM NWT TOURISM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STRENGTHENING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR NWT TOURISM BUSINESSES

Whereas there are significant and ongoing changes to the environment in the Northwest Territories; and

Whereas these changes, including increased wildfires, low water levels, and flooding, are becoming the new normal for the landscape that tourism businesses rely on to deliver a quality experience to their guests; and

Whereas the Northwest Territories requires new and upgraded infrastructure to support the changing landscapes and adapt to new environmental conditions; and

Whereas these changes are predicted to intensify in the coming decades and will pose greater challenges to the tourism industry as well as for the communities of the NWT.

Be it resolved that NWT Tourism advocate for:

1. Ongoing communication between the tourism industry and local, territorial and federal governments on extreme weather risks and changing conditions.

2. Emergency planning that considers the safety and needs of tourism operators and visitors during emergencies, evacuations and service disruptions.

3. Continued funding support to assist tourism businesses and communities in retrofitting their facilities and equipment to better withstand extreme weather events and changing environmental conditions;

4. Collaboration to provide regular updates for tourism operators when planning for and responding to extreme weather events and evacuations.

Be it further resolved that NWT Tourism work closely with territorial and federal governments to strengthen the tourism industries preparedness, resilience and the long-term viability and success of the Northwest Territories tourism industry in the face of ongoing climate change challenges.

Moved by: Samantha Stuart
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Resolution Committee Chair Signature