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THE NRBHSS AND THE UTHC ACKNOWLEDGE THE COURAGE AND COMMITMENT OF THEIR EMPLOYEES

Kuujjuaq, **June 14**, **2018** – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) wishes to thank the Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF) and the *Sûreté du Québec* (SQ) for their excellent work in the investigation following the murder of Ms. Chloé Labrie, medical technologist at the Ungava Tulattavik Health Center (UTHC). The police forces immediately deployed additional resources to enhance the safety of the residents of Kuujjuaq, and informed the NRBHSS and UTHC senior management.

The NRBHSS Executive Management wishes to join the UTHC Executive Management and express their pride in the professionalism and courage demonstrated by their employees. Despite the harsh circumstances, employees were able to find the resources to maintain the quality services they provide day after day to the people of Kuujjuaq and Nunavik. We thank them again for their dedication.

We would also like to acknowledge the strong support of the Kuujjuaq community for the employees and managers of the UTHC, supported by the voice of Mr. Tunu Napartuk, Mayor of Kuujjuaq: "I want to reiterate our appreciation for the services offered by the UTHC staff, and to emphasize their professionalism. All Kuujjuamiut are affected by this sad tragedy."

Once again, we send our most sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Mrs. Chloé Labrie.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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