



**Eva Aariak**

Originally from Arctic Bay, Nunavut, Eva Qamaniq Aariak is a resident of Iqaluit.

Ms. Eva Aariak is a passionate advocate for the prosperity of Nunavut and a tireless promoter of the Inuit culture and language.

Eva Aariak was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut for then electoral district of Iqaluit East and subsequently elected as the first female premier by the Legislature from 2008 to 2013.

Prior to her political career, Ms. Aariak led a varied career as Nunavut's first Languages Commissioner from 1999 – 2003, business owner, teacher, adult educator, Human Resource Officer, coordinator of Inuktitut children's book publishing with then the Baffin Divisional Board of Education, and radio and television reporter for the CBC North, working in Inuktitut and at times in English language broadcasting.

In the years leading up to the creation of Nunavut, Ms. Aariak worked with the Office of the Interim Commissioner of Nunavut as the Public Affairs Manager.

Ms. Aariak is a recipient of the EVE Award, Presented by Equal Voice, and was named a Visionary Canadian by the "Bold Vision, Women's Leadership Conference" in 2014. She is also a member of the Arctic Inspiration Prize selection committee.

Eva became the President of the Inuit Heritage Trust in June 2015. She is one of the three commissioners for the North Water Polynya Pikialasorsuaq representing Canada. Ms. Eva Aariak is the owner of Malikkaat Boutique, retail store in Iqaluit.