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YUKONERS RECEIVE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

WHITEHORSE – Today Yukon Commissioner Jack Cable is recognizing two First Nation citizens for their many years of community service.

Joseph Johnson of the Kluane First Nation and Stephen Frost Sr. of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation have spent their lives as positive role models for their respective First Nations.

“It gives me great pleasure to be able to recognize these highly respected men and thank them for what they have done for their communities,” Cable said. “They are both stellar examples of what can be accomplished with hard work and positive attitudes – so it’s fitting that they’re each receiving an award.”

Johnson has been actively involved in First Nation politics, dating as far back as 1976, and letters of support for Frost refer to him as ‘the guy to call when help seemed impossible to find.’ Johnson and Frost will receive their Public Service Awards at today’s National Aboriginal Day celebrations at Rotary Park in Whitehorse.

The other most recent recipient of the Commissioner’s Award for Public Service was Mary Mickey, who received her award June 14 for her tireless volunteer efforts with the Canadian Cancer Society and the Rent-a-Santa program, among many other pursuits.

The Commissioner’s Award for Public Service is given to Yukoners who have contributed significantly to the economic, social, academic, political or cultural life of the territory.

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