

# NORTHERN TUTCHONE ALPHABET

## Consonants

|                     |     |     |    |      |     |     |    |     |   |
|---------------------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|----|-----|---|
| <b>Stops</b>        |     | tl  | t  | tth  | ts  | ch  | k  | kw  |   |
| <b>and</b>          | (b) | dl  | d  | ddh  | dz  | j   | g  | gw  |   |
| <b>Affricates</b>   |     | tl' | t' | tth' | ts' | ch' | k' | k'w | ' |
| <b>Fricatives</b>   |     | ɬ   |    | th   | s   | sh  | kh | khw | h |
|                     |     | l   |    | dh   | z   | zh  | gh | ghw |   |
| <b>Glides</b>       |     |     |    |      | r   | y   |    | w   |   |
| <b>Nasals</b>       | m   |     | n  |      |     |     |    |     |   |
| <b>Nasal + Stop</b> | mb  |     | nd |      |     | nj  |    |     |   |



## Vowels and Diphthongs

| Vowels |   |   |
|--------|---|---|
| i      |   | u |
| e      | ä | o |
| ae     |   | a |

| Diphthongs |    |
|------------|----|
| ay         | aw |

**Nasal Vowels**  
are written with a ( ˙ ) under the vowel:  
a ˙ ä ˙ e ˙ i ˙ u ˙ aw ˙ ay ˙

## Tones

|                      |  |        |                      |
|----------------------|--|--------|----------------------|
| <b>High tone</b>     | is written with a ( ˘ ) over the vowel:  | ukí    | <i>his/her foot</i>  |
| <b>Mid-high tone</b> | is written with a ( ˘̄ ) over the vowel: | udzī   | <i>his/her heart</i> |
| <b>Rising tone</b>   | is written with a ( ˘̇ ) over the vowel: | gè dhó | <i>rabbit skin</i>   |