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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 27 of 2005

AN ACT for the Incorporation of The Child Welfare League of Trinidad and matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 15th September, 2005]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Child Welfare League of Trinidad and Tobago ("the 1949 League") was incorporated under the Child Welfare League (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1949:

And whereas the 1949 League was established in Trinidad and Tobago as a voluntary service organization in accordance with its Constitution:

And whereas the Constitution of the 1949 League was amended in 2000 in accordance with Article XIII and now provides for the composition of its Board of Directors:

And whereas the Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the 1949 League, its performance and all matters relating to its operation:

And whereas over the years, the functions of the 1949 League have expanded, and it is now expedient that a new League be incorporated for the purposes and functions set out in this Act:

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:-

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Child Welfare League of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 2005.

Ordinance repealed

2. The Child Welfare League of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporated) Ordinance, 1949, is hereby repealed.

Interpretation

3. The expression "young person" shall, for purposes of this Act, include persons up to a maximum age of twenty-five years.

Incorporation

4. The Child Welfare League of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called "the League") is hereby created a body corporate.

Aims and objectives

5. The aims and objectives of the League are to-

- (a) promote in parents and guardians a sense of responsibility towards their children and towards young persons;
- (b) advocate for changes in policy, programmes or legislation to improve the general quality of life of the children of Trinidad and Tobago; and
- (c) co-operate with government in its implementation of policies whether based on local, regional or international obligations as well as the policies of-
 - (i) the Tobago House of Assembly; and
 - (ii) non-governmental organizations,

in relation to children and young persons.

Powers of the League

6. In furtherance of its objectives the League shall-

- (a) promote measures for the implementation of its objectives;
- (b) establish parenting resource centres and implement educational and social programmes;
- (c) establish centres for the care, protection, training and development of children and young persons;
- (d) provide assistance, financial or otherwise, to enable parents and guardians to carry out their parenting responsibilities;
- (e) gather statistics relating to children and young persons and to disseminate such information to authorized persons and bodies;
- (f) seek financial and other resources for the implementation of the objectives of the League;
- (g) establish and administer a Child Assistance Fund; and
- (h) do all such other things as are or may become necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the aims and objectives of the League.

7. (1) In furtherance of its functions the League shall have power to-
- (a) establish and maintain branches of the League throughout Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (b) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, lease or howsoever otherwise any real or personal property or any estate or any interest therein;
 - (c) accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
 - (d) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it and subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title;
 - (e) invest monies not immediately required by the League in established and reputable financial and investment institutions and to retain all profits and dividends so realized for the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the League;
 - (f) borrow monies from any financial institution to further the aims and objectives of the League;
 - (g) sue and be sued in its corporate name;
 - (h) have a common seal and to alter or change it;
 - (i) regulate its own procedure and business; and
 - (j) do all things necessary or expedient for the conduct of the affairs of the League, not provided herein.

(2) The League may also request the assistance of the government in the performance of its functions and in that regard, shall provide such information as may be requested by the Ministry to which responsibility for children and young persons is assigned from time to time.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) shall be construed as restricting the League from making arrangements or entering into any agreement with any other agency or government.

Transfer and vesting of property

8. All real and personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in the 1949 League or any person for the use and benefit of the 1949 League is hereby transferred to and vested in the League.

Mode of execution of documents

9. All documents requiring the seal of the League shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the League in the presence of the President and Secretary of the League for the time being in office or, in the event of incapacity, some other person authorized for that purpose by the League who shall sign any such document and such signature shall be *prima facie* evidence that the seal was duly affixed and is the lawful seal of the League.

Service of documents

10. (1) The League shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the League and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Service of all documents on the League shall be affected by leaving the said documents at or by sending them by registered post to the address so registered.

Powers to make rules

11. The League may make by-laws for the conduct of its proceedings and the discharge of its duties, powers and functions.

Saving of State and other rights

12. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any person, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 26th day of August, 2005.

N. JAGASSAR
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in House of Representatives this 5th day of September, 2005.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT
Clerk of the House