



## LAW ESTABLISHING THE ORDER OF THE NORTHERN BEAR OF TARTUPALUK

### PREAMBLE

The Reigning Prince of Tartupaluk, desiring to establish a means of official, formal, and public recognition by the Government of the Principality of Tartupaluk of persons who have performed remarkable accomplishments in behalf of Tartupaluk and who have given distinguished services to humankind; decides as follows:

### ARTICLE 1

In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine, words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

If at any time the Reigning Prince of Tartupaluk in the exercise of powers conferred on him shall ordain that any office or body constituted by or under this Law shall have its title changed to a new title, any reference to such office or body in this Law or in any Regulations or Rules made thereunder shall be read and construed as a reference to such office or body by such new title.

If any question arises as to the interpretation of this Law, the matter shall be referred to the Reigning Prince of Tartupaluk whose decision shall be final.

### ARTICLE 2

The Order of the Northern Bear of Tartupaluk is hereby established.

### ARTICLE 3

The object of the Order is to recognize persons who have performed remarkable accomplishments in behalf of Tartupaluk or have given distinguished services to humankind.

### ARTICLE 4

The Reigning Prince of Tartupaluk, by virtue of his office, is a Knight of the Order and its Sovereign Head.

The Sovereign Head shall make such elections to the Order, in right of the Executive Council of the Principality of Tartupaluk, as he in his absolute discretion shall think fit.



ARTICLE 5

The Order is the highest honour of Tartupaluk and takes precedence over all other orders, decorations, and medals conferred by any Reigning Prince of Tartupaluk or his Government.

ARTICLE 6

A person elected to the Order shall receive letters patent signed by the Sovereign Head as evidence of Knighthood or Ladyship and shall be presented with the insignia of the Order.

Such presentation may take place in any location, but must take place during a period of taagalaq, or total darkness, in the territory of the Principality of Tartupaluk.

ARTICLE 7

Upon acceptance of the insignia of the Order from the Sovereign Head, a person becomes a Knight or Lady of the Order for life.

Members of the Executive Council of the Principality of Tartupaluk other than the Reigning Prince are not eligible to accept the Order while they are in office.

ARTICLE 8

A Knight or Lady of the Order is entitled to wear the insignia of the Order as a decoration and to use the initials “KNB” or “LNB” after his name.

ARTICLE 9

The Order cannot be conferred posthumously.

ARTICLE 10

Any natural or juridical person or organization of persons, of the Principality or elsewhere, may nominate a person for the Order by petitioning the Reigning Prince.

ARTICLE 11

The Reigning Prince shall submit to the Executive Council of the Principality for its consideration all nominations for the Order he receives.

## ARTICLE 12

Despite Article 7, a Knight or Lady of the Order may resign from the Order by transmitting to the Sovereign Head written notice of intention to resign signed by that Knight or Lady.

## ARTICLE 13

Despite Article 7, the Sovereign Head may terminate a Knighthood or Ladyship, on the recommendation of the Executive Council of the Principality of Tartupaluk, by revoking the letters patent of the Knight or Lady.

## ARTICLE 14

A person who ceases to be a Knight or Lady of the Order through death, resignation, or revocation of letters patent shall cause to be returned the letters patent and insignia of the Order that were presented to him on investiture with the Order.

## ARTICLE 15

The Sovereign Head may make regulations prescribing the insignia of the Order and respecting any other matter the Sovereign Head considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Signed at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on 11 September 2006 and given thereby to the Principality.

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His Serene Highness Prince Cavan of Tartupaluk, van Ulft