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*National Identity (Amendment) Act 1996.*

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**INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

*National Identity (Amendment) Act 1996.*

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.**

1. Amendment of long title.
2. New Part IIA.

**"PART IIA. - NATIONAL PLEDGE."**

**"10A. NATIONAL PLEDGE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA."**

**"10B. USE OF THE NATIONAL PLEDGE."**

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**"SCHEDULE 5."**

**INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

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AN ACT

entitled

*National Identity (Amendment) Act 1996,*

Being an Act to amend the *National Identity Act* (Chapter 9),

MADE by the National Parliament.

**1. AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE.**

The Long Title to the Principal Act is amended by adding the following words:-

"and a national pledge."

**2. NEW PART IIA.**

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after Part II the following new Part:-

**"PART IIA. - NATIONAL PLEDGE.**

**"10A. NATIONAL PLEDGE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

The pledge specified in Schedule 5 is declared to be the National Pledge of Papua New Guinea.

**"10B. USE OF THE NATIONAL PLEDGE.**

(1) The National Pledge -

(a) shall be recited in the following places on the following occasions:-

- (i) in each primary school and high school before the commencement of classes in each day; and
- (ii) in the National Parliament on each sitting day immediately after prayers; and
- (iii) in each Provincial Assembly and Local-level Government Assembly on each sitting day immediately after prayers; and

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- (iv) at all official celebrations on the day fixed under the *Public Holidays Act* (Chapter 321) to commemorate the attainment by Papua New Guinea of Independent Sovereign Nationhood; and
- (b) may be recited on such other occasions as are appropriate; and
- (c) may be printed and published -
  - (i) in an official Government publication; or
  - (ii) otherwise, in accordance with an authority granted under Section 10C,

in whichever language version or versions are considered appropriate in the circumstances.

- "(2) For the purposes of Subsection (1) -  
"primary school" and "high school" have the meanings given to them under the *Education Act* (Chapter 163);  
"Provincial Assembly" includes an Interim Provincial Assembly.

**"10C. AUTHORITY TO USE THE NATIONAL PLEDGE.**

(1) The Departmental Head or a person authorized by him may, by instrument, authorize a person to print or publish the National Pledge in the manner and form specified in the instrument.

"(2) An application for authority under Subsection (1) shall be made to the Departmental Head or to a person authorized by him to receive applications.

**"10D. IMPROPER OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE NATIONAL PLEDGE.**

(1) A person who, not being authorized under Section 10C, prints or publishes or causes to be printed or published any written or printed matter, not being an official Government publication, in or on which appears the National Pledge or any words so nearly resembling the National Pledge as to be capable of being mistaken for it, is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K1,000.00.

- "(2) A person who -  
(a) recites the National Pledge or a parody of the National Pledge; or  
(b) prints or otherwise reproduces the National Pledge or a parody of the National Pledge,

in a manner that is insulting, derisory or disrespectful to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea or its Peoples, is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K1,000.00.

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"(3) For the purposes of Subsection (2), "parody of the National Pledge" means words -

- (a) similar to those used in the National Pledge: and
- (b) composed in a manner similar to the composition of the National Pledge."

**3. NEW SCHEDULE 5.**

The Principal Act is amended by adding the following new Schedule:-

**"SCHEDULE 5.**

Section 10A.

**NATIONAL PLEDGE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

We, the People of Papua New Guinea,  
pledge ourselves, united in One Nation.

We pay homage to our cultural heritage,  
the source of our strength.

We pledge to build a democratic society  
based on justice, equality, respect and  
prosperity for Our People.

We pledge to stand together as

One People  
One Nation  
One Country

GOD BLESS PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

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**OREA GWAUHEHATONA**

Ai, Papua New Guinea Taunimanimamai  
A gwauhehatomu, iboumai na orea tamona.

Emai sene mauridia bona karadia  
alalotaomu - noho mauri namo daladia  
emia hematama badidia.

A gwauhehatomu dala namodia baia  
havara - maino, heabidadama, hemataurai  
bona hebadina daladia ai.

A gwauhehatomu baia gaukara  
bona gini hebou badina ai na

- Bese Tamona
- Orea Badana Tamona
- Tanobada Tamona

Papua New Guinea Dirava ese aine hanamoa.

**TOK PROMIS BILONG NEISEN**

Mipela ol Pipol bilong Papua Niugini, i promis long  
bung wantaim olsem wan neisen.

Mipela amamas long soim ol pasin bilong ol tumbuna  
bilong mipela, as bilong strong bilong mipela.

Mipela promis long wokim sosaiti bai i holim strong  
pasin bilong ilektim ol lida bilong gavman wantaim as  
tingting bilong stretpela pasin, wanmak, ona na kamap  
gut bilong ol pipol bilong mipela.

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Mipela i promis long sanap bung wantaim olsem  
wan pipol  
wan neisen  
wan kantri

GOD BLESIM PAPUA NIUGINI."

I hereby certify that the above is a fair print of the *National Identity (Amendment) Act 1996* which has been made by the National Parliament.

Clerk of the National Parliament.

I hereby certify that the *National Identity (Amendment) Act 1996* was made by the National Parliament on 30 July 1996.

Acting Speaker of the National Parliament.