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An Act to recognise the Norfolk Island Language (Norf'k) as an official language of Norfolk Island.

[Assented to 21 December 2004]

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island as follows —

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Norfolk Island Language (Norf'k) Act 2004*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which notification of assent is published in the Gazette.

Definitions

3. In this Act “Norfolk Island Language” or “Norf'k” means the language known as “Norf'k” that is spoken by descendants of the first free settlers of Norfolk Island who were descendants of the settlers of Pitcairn Island.

Acknowledgment of Norf'k

4. By this enactment the government and people of Norfolk Island recognise and affirm the Norfolk Island Language (Norf'k) and the right of the people of Norfolk Island to speak and write it freely and without interference or prejudice from government or other persons.

Use of Norf'k

5. (1) The Norfolk Island Language may be used in all forms of communication between persons of Norfolk Island (but need not be) but when used in official communications must always be accompanied by an accurate translation in the English language.

(2) Norf'k may be used as a language of learning and instruction in schools in Norfolk Island but no child shall be compelled to learn or be instructed in it.

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