

**BARBADOS RED CROSS SOCIETY
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BARBADOS.

I assent,

A. WINSTON SCOTT,
Governor General.
31st July, 1969.

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An act to Incorporate the Barbados Red Cross Society and to provide and to provide for matters related thereto.

(By Proclamation) Commencement.

WHEREAS:

Preamble.

(1) the International Red Cross is an Association for the promotion of divers humanitarian purposes throughout the world and comprises all duly recognized National Red Cross Societies together with two other Association known as the International Committee of the Red Cross and League of Red Cross Societies;

(2) one consideration of the conditions for the recognition a National Society is that is shale be constituted in the territory of an independent Sate where one of divers international conventions relative to the Relief of sick and wounded is in force;

(3) the Government has succeeded to certain of such conventions further particulars whereof are set out in the Schedule(in this preamble referred to as the scheduled conventions);

Schedule.

(4) the scheduled conventions provide, among other things, for certain of the functions of National Red Cross Societies and other Voluntary Aid Societies recognized and authorized by their Government, and for the use of the

distinctive emblem of a Red Cross on a white ground and of the words “Red Cross;”, and for the prevention of their misuse;

(5) there has been in operation in Barbados for some years past an association affiliated to the British Red Cross Society now known as the Barbados Branch of the British Red Cross Society (in this preamble referred to as former Branch);

(6) the Committee of the former Branch being the governing body of that branch, is desirous of forming a body corporate, to be known as the Barbados Red Cross Society, and obtaining recognition for such body corporate as a Voluntary Aid society within the meaning of the scheduled conventions, to enable it to be recognized as a National Red Cross Society by the International Committee of Red Cross and to obtain membership of the League of Red Cross Societies;

(7) the formation of such body corporate and its recognitions as a Voluntary Aid Society would facilitate the promotion of the humanitarian purposes of the International Red Cross in Barbados;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provision by legislation for the various matters aforesaid:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by The Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Assembly of Barbados, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

Enactment.

1. This Act may be cited as the Barbados Red Cross Society Act, 1969.

Short title.

2. For the purpose of this Act –
“the Council” means the governing body of the society constituted under section 6;

Interpretation.

“the former Branch” means association affiliated to the British Red Cross Society and known as the Barbados Branch of the British Red Cross Society in operation immediately before the commencement of the Act;

“the scheduled conventions” means the international conventions to which the Government of Barbados has succeeded set out in the schedule;

Schedule.

“the Society” means the Barbados Red Cross Society constituted under section 3.

3. (1) For the purpose of maintaining and carrying on the purposes and functions set in section 4, the President, other officers and members of the former Branch, and all persons who may hereafter become President, other officers or members of the Society in the manner laid down by rules made under section 7, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the Name of the Barbados Red Cross Society.

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(2) Section 21 of the Interpretation Act, 1966 shall apply to the Society.

Purposes and functions of the Society

4. (1) The general purposes and functions of the society shall be –
- (a) in time of war, to furnish aid to the sick and wounded both of armies and among non-belligerents, and to prisoners of war and civilian sufferers from the effect of war;
 - (b) to perform all the duties devolving upon a national Society of a nation which has acceded to the scheduled conventions;
 - (c) in time of peace or war, to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world;
 - (d) to succeed to and take over all the right and property heretofore or now held and enjoyed by all the duties heretofore performed by the former Branch;
 - (e) to organize classes and lectures and publish and sell or distribute papers, books, pamphlets and information for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the objects of the Society and of qualifying persons to assist

therein and to take all other measures which may seem necessary for providing and maintaining an efficient organization for the purposes of the society;

- (f) to borrow or raise money with or without security for an of the purposes of the Society and either subject or not subject to any special trust and conditions;
- (g) without prejudice to the scope of effect of any of the provisions of this Act to accept and take by way of gift and absorb upon any terms the undertaking and assets of any association or Society whether incorporated or not carrying on work with similar to any work for the time being carried on by the Society and to undertake any liabilities of any such other association or body;
- (h) to make and carry out arrangement for joint working co-operation with any other association or body whether in-corporate or not carrying on work similar to any work for the time being carried on by the Society;
- (i) to undertake execute and perform any trusts or conditions affecting ant real or personal property of any description deemed likely to be useful for any of the purposes of the Society;
- (j) to grant continue and pay such salaries pensions gratuities or other sums in recognition of service (whether rendered before or after the commencement of this Act) as may from time to time be sanctioned by the Council;
- (k) to invest all moneys and funds of the Society which are not immediately required to be expended for the purposes thereof and to vary and transpose such investments without in any of such cases being in any way limited as to the form or nature of investment by any statutory provision or rule of law relating

thereto or otherwise relating to investment of trust funds;

- (l) to do all such other acts and things as are or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the purposes of the Society or the exercise of any of its functions

(2) The particular purpose of the Society shall be defined by rules made by the Council in accordance with section 7.

5. (1) The Society shall be recognized by the Government as a Voluntary Aid Society, auxiliary to public authorities, in particular for the purposes of the scheduled conventions and shall have the right to have and use or permit to be used in carrying out its purposes as an emblem and badge the heraldic emblem of the red cross on a white ground, formed by revering the Federal colours of Switzerland.

(2) The Society is hereby authorized with or without co-operation of any other society, organization or association which may have been accorded similar powers by Act of Parliament, to act in matters of relief under the scheduled conventions.

6. (1) The governing body of the Society shall be the Council consisting in the first instance of those persons who at the commencement of the former Branch and thereafter of such members to be elected or appointed in such manner as may be provided for by rules made under section 7.

Government of
the Society.

(2) The Council shall have the power to provide for organisation of such divisions, detachment and units in various parts of Barbados as it considers expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purpose of the Society under such rules as the Council may make in that behalf.

(3) The Council shall have the power to delegate any or all of its functions to any one or more committees either with or without power to such committee or committees further to delegate any or all of such right powers and duties to sub-committees as the Council may in its absolute discretion think fit.

(4) No member of the Council or of any committee or sub-committee shall be personally liable for any act of default of Councilor or of any committee or sub-committee done or omitted to be in good faith.

(5) No act done or proceedings taken under this Act shall be questioned on the ground –

(a) of the existence of any vacancy in the membership of, or any defect in the constitution of the Council; or

(b) of any omission, default or irregularity not affecting the merits of the case.

7. (1) The Council may make such rules as appear to it to be expedient for carrying out the purposes of the Society and in particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may make rules providing for:

(a) the particular purpose of the Society, in accordance with section 4(2);

(b) the composition and manner of election or appointment of members of the Council;

(c) the organization and functions of branches and divisions of the Society;

(d) the appointment and duties of the officers and employees of the Society;

(e) the custody of the property of the Society and the keeping and auditing of accounts;

(f) the use of the Red Cross emblem and badge by officers and members of the Society;

(g) the making of appeals to the public for financial or other support for the Society;

- (h) the terms on which the Society may accept grants or subventions from Governments or other public authorities;
 - (i) the terms on which the Society may associate with Government and other voluntary organizations for any purpose which is included among the purposes of the Society;
 - (j) the qualifications and functions of the members of the Society and their organization in various classes according to their qualifications.
- (2) Nothing contained in any rules made under this section shall enable the Society to withhold membership from any citizen of Barbados on grounds race, sex, religion or political opinion.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 16 (1) of the Interpretation Act, 1966 it shall not be necessary for any rules made by the Council under this section to be published in the *Gazette*, but a copy of any rules shall be furnished to the Minister responsible for defence.
8. (1) At the commencement of this Act all the assets and liabilities of the former Branch shall be transferred to and vested in the Society by virtue of this section and without further assurance.
- (2) All deeds, bonds, instruments and contracts subscribing immediately before the commencement of this Act to which the former Branch is party shall be of as full force and effect against or in favor of the Society and enforceable as fully and effectually as if, instead of the former Branch, the Society had been a party thereto.
- (3) All assets held by the former Branch for the purpose of any division of the former Branch shall continue to be held by the Society for the purposes of the corresponding division of the Society.
9. Any person who falsely and fraudulently –
- (a) holds himself out to be knowingly allows himself to be supposed to be a member of or

an agent for the Society for the purpose of soliciting, collecting or receiving money or material; or

- (b) wears or displays the emblem of the Red Cross on any article of clothing, badge, piece of paper, or in any other way whatsoever, or any insignia coloured imitation thereof in such a way as to be likely to deceive those to whom it is visible, for the purpose of inducing the belief that he is a member of, or an agent for, the Society, or that he has been recognized by the Society as possessing any qualification for administering first aid or other treatment for the relief of sickness,

Shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

10. This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Governor-General may appoint by proclamation.

Commencement

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

THEODORE BRANCKER
Speaker.

Read three times and passed the Senate this twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

C. ASQUITH PHILLIPS
Acting President

SCHEDULE

Sections 2, 4 and 5

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTIONS TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBAODS
HAS SECCEEDED

Geneva Convention for the amelioration of the condition of the
wounded and sick in armed forces in the field, of 12th August, 1949.

Geneva Convention relative amelioration of the condition of
wounded sick and shipwreck members of the armed forces at sea,
of 12th August, 1949.

Geneva Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war, of
12th August, 1949.

Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in
time of war, of 12th August, 1949.