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LONGLEY ADOPTION

[PRIVATE]

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to enable Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley to adopt Lorraine Janet Chapman and Leanne Gail Chapman

5 WHEREAS Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley were married at Whangarei on the 20th day of January 1968: And whereas, at the time of their marriage, Emily Waimunga Longley had 2 children, namely Lorraine Janet Chapman and Leanne Gail Chapman and wanted the children
10 to formally become part of the new family unit: And whereas accordingly, on the 19th day of August 1970, the solicitors for Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley obtained an interim adoption order in the Magistrate's Court at Whangarei with respect to Lorraine Janet Chapman and Leanne
15 Gail Chapman: And whereas due to the inadvertence of the said solicitors, no application for a final adoption order was made: And whereas that error was not discovered until 1983: And whereas, although the marriage of Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley has been dissolved, their
20 relationship is good and they and the said children wish the adoption matter to be carried through: And whereas the said solicitors have advised Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley that it is no longer possible to obtain a final adoption order in respect of the interim order that was
25 obtained: And whereas the said solicitors have also advised Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley that it is now not possible to make application for an adoption order at all because of the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of the

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Adoption Act 1955 and that the only way of achieving the desired result is by the enactment of a private Act of Parliament: And whereas, because it is intended that Lorraine Janet Chapman and Leanne Gail Chapman should become the legally adoptive children of Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley, the change of their names by deed poll would not be satisfactory: And whereas the natural father of the children was not living with Emily Waimunga Longley when the children were born and has never shown any interest in the children: And whereas the purpose of this Act is to place each of them Ralph Arthur Longley, Emily Waimunga Longley, Lorraine Janet Chapman and Leanne Gail Chapman in the same position that they would have been had it not been for the inadvertence of their solicitors:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Longley Adoption Act 1984.

2. Adoption—Notwithstanding any rule of law to the contrary, Lorraine Janet Chapman and Leanne Gail Chapman shall, from the date of commencement of this Act, be the legally adoptive children of Ralph Arthur Longley and Emily Waimunga Longley.

3. Birth certificates—The Registrar of Births and Deaths shall issue new birth certificates for Lorraine Janet Chapman and Leanne Gail Chapman in the names of Lorraine Janet Longley and Leanne Gail Longley, respectively; and the word “adopted” shall not appear on such new birth certificates.

4. Private Act—This Act is hereby declared to be a private Act.