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*[Date of assent: 29th April, 2014.]**[Date of commencement: 1st September, 2020.]*

An Act of Parliament to provide for the recognition of heroes; to establish criteria for the identification, selection and honouring of national heroes; to provide for the categories of heroes; to provide for the establishment of the National Heroes Council and for connected purposes

[Act No. 5 of 2014, Legal Notice 173 of 2020.]

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Kenya Heroes Act, 2014.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to national heritage;

"child", in relation to a hero means a child of a hero or a child to whom the hero is a guardian within the meaning of the Children Act (No. 8 of 2001);

"child hero" means a hero who is below the age of eighteen years;

"Committee" means the State Corporations Advisory Committee established under the State Corporations Act (Cap. 446);

"Council" means the National Heroes Council established section 4;

"dependant", in relation to a hero, means—

- (a) a child, including a step child or an adopted child;
- (b) a widow or widower; or
- (c) any person not referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) who was wholly or partly maintained by the hero at the time of the hero's death;

"Director" means the director appointed under section 12;

"Fund" means National Heroes Assistance Fund established under section 21;

"hero" means a person declared a hero under the provisions of Part IV of this Act;

"immediate family" in the case of a hero means mother, father, wife, child, widow or widower;

"national hero" means a hero recognized at the national level;

"member" means a member of the Council;

"registered dependant" means any person who has been registered as a dependant under section 27; and