

The Pensacola Convention on the Rights of the Child:

The House of Lords of the Dominion of British West Florida, affirming that this Dominion is founded upon principles that acknowledge the supremacy of God, the dignity and worth of the all people and the position of the family in a society of free people and free institutions;

Desiring to ensure that the recent Pensacola Convention on the Rights of the Child be enacted as a valid basis for Law within the Dominion of British West Florida,,

Having determined that the aforesaid Convention is consistent with the true purpose of Governemnt,

Now, therefore by the Grace of Queen Elizabeth the second's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons of the Dominion of British West Florida, we enact as follows:

For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of twenty-one years unless, under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.

All parties to this accord recognize the following essential rights inalienable in every child:

Article I

1. Every Child has the right to life, from the moment of conception.
2. The parties to the accord pledge themselves to protecting the child's life both by laws protecting all human life and by making appropriate medical care available to the child and his or her mother during her pregnancy.

Article II

1. Every Child has the right, as far is possible, to be reared by both parents in a loving and stable environment.
2. The parties to this accord pledge themselves to facilitate the ability to exercise this right, in accordance with local law and custom, giving appropriate consideration to the family and community of the child.

Article III

1. Every Child has the right to be brought up in the faith and traditions of his or her family.
2. The parties to this accord pledge themselves to the protection of the free expression of faith and traditions, unless such expression would deprive others of their fundamental rights.

Article IV

1. Every Child has the right to a safe environment: - free of mental, physical, and spiritual abuse.
2. The parties pledge to use all the lawful power of their governments to ensure the safety of every child under their jurisdiction.

Article V

1. Every Child has the right to an education appropriate for his or her abilities.
2. The parties to this accord pledge to facilitate the ability to exercise this right in accordance with local law and custom, giving appropriate consideration to the family and community of the child, and the resources available.

Article VI

1. Every Child has the right to parental guidance and oversight in their formative years.
2. The parties to this accord pledge to hold the parents responsible for the proper guidance and oversight of their minor children, and to support them in this responsibility in accordance with local law and custom.

Article VII

1. Every Child has the right to know their own parents, and their cultural and physical background.
2. The parties to this accord pledge to assist the child and his or her family in making this information available to the child using age appropriate methods.

Approved by the House of Lords and on the 25th of August and laid before the throne and granted the Royal Assent by the Governor-General on Monday the 4th of September in the year of our Lord, 2006.

