

Constitution

of

Erese Royal Family
(Amagba)

Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be known as, THE ERESE ROYAL FAMILY OF AMAGBA, BENIN KINGDOM IN EDO STATE otherwise known as

"ERESE ROYAL FAMILY"

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The organization is a socio-cultural organization comprising the family of all Erese families from Amagba, Benin City, Edo state, who are associated by birth and by marriage. The association seeks to unite all the members of the family throughout the globe and promotes the family bond that enhances individual and collective growth for the good of all the members of the family. The association of the Erese family shall also engage in support initiatives and projects towards the growth of the members of the family.

ARTICLE III

Membership

- A. The association shall be open to persons who are associated by **birth and marriage** to the Erese family.
- B. The association shall not discriminate against any member of the family either by sex, economic status, race, color, religion, national origin, creed, age, disability, marital status and political opinions or affiliations.
- C. Dues: **None**. However, there shall be voluntary contributions during events or projects to be embarked upon by the family.
- E. Members of the organization are to abide by social and ethical standards as enshrined in the laws of the land.
- F. Members Disciplinary Clause
 - 1. Grounds for disciplinary measures on members include:
 - a. Violation of the constitution of the Erese Royal Family

b. Violation of the civil rules and regulations of society
2. A member may be discipline by the following process:

1. A petition shall be submitted to the President containing the signatures of at least 20% of members. When such a petition is received, the President shall call a meeting of the organization to decide upon disciplinary measures on the member of the family.
2. The grounds for discipline are to be presented by the President at a regular or special meeting of the organization.
3. The member of the family in question shall be provided one week to present a defense either in person or in writing.
4. A 2/3 majority vote of the voting membership shall decide upon the meeting, with voting not to occur sooner than one week after the presentation of the grounds and defense have been made. There must be a quorum for the vote of disciplinary measures. A fine may be set for such a member as deemed fit by the disciplinary committee, and such fine will be paid into the association's account.

ARTICLE IV **Community Responsibilities**

All members recognize that they are part of the Oredo local government, Edo state and Nigeria and that as such, they are subject to the rules and regulations of these governmental institutions, as well as International laws. As members of the Erese Family, they realize that they represent the family at any time they are involved in personal and official functions and are expected to conform themselves in a responsible manner. Furthermore, all members stress that the organization does not and will not participate in money laundering or criminal activities that can taint the image of the family and association.

ARTICLE V **Funding**

The organization will have a treasurer and(or) financial secretary designated as the person responsible for finances. All monies raised through association: donations, or fundraisers are acknowledged as **Erese Royal Family Funds** and will be maintained in the association's bank account. No monies associated with this organization will be held in accounts outside the authorized account for the association.

ARTICLE VI

Board Members

The members of the board of this organization shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Adviser, Public Relations Officer and 5 Ex-Officio Members.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Officers

The Executive Officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Sec. /Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Legal Adviser.

ARTICLE VIII

Duties of Officers

Section 1: Duties and responsibilities of the President.

- a. Be the chief executive of the organization
- b. Preside over meetings of the organization
- c. Serve as the liaison between the organization and the board and the members
- e. Call special meetings of the organization
- f. Meet regularly with the board members
- g. Take care that this constitution and the laws of the association are faithfully executed.
- h. Perform any administrative power or duty not provided for in this constitution

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities of the Vice President

- a. Exercise presidential duties in absence of the president
- c. Assume presidential office upon vacancy
- e. Make sure events and program report forms are completed
- f. Meet regularly with the president

Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer

- a. Keep complete and accurate account of the organizations funds
- b. Sign requisitions for organization funds

- c. Prepare the annual budget with the president
- d. Report to the President

Section 4: Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary

- a. Take minutes at organization meetings
- b. Maintain complete and accurate records of all organization meetings.
- c. Report to the President

Section 5: Duties and Responsibilities of the Public Relations Officer

- a. Publicize and disseminate information to be embarked upon by the association
- b. Take charge of promotional items related to the organization
- c. Report to the President

Section 5: Duties and Responsibilities of the Legal Adviser

- a. Handle all legal issues relating to the organization
- b. Reviews legal documents and advice the organization on matter arising thereto
- c. Report to the President

ARTICLE IX Vacancy of Office

Section 1: President- In the event that the president position becomes vacant; such vacancy shall be filled by the succession of the Vice-President.

Section 2: In the event that the positions of the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or PRO, and Legal Adviser become vacant (choose one)

- a. The Board of Trustees appoint a new Executive officer to hold the office temporarily.

ARTICLE X Removal of Officers

1. Grounds for removal of an officer include:

- 1. Violation of association's constitution and public policy.
- 2. Failure to perform the duties of the office as set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the organization.
- 3. Failure to uphold the provisions of this constitution and bylaws.

4. Declaration of Incapacity. Motions to declare Incapacity of an Officer shall require the same removal process as other petitions for removal, as stated in this constitution.

1. An officer may be removed by the following process:

1. A petition to remove the officer in question must be submitted to another officer. Such a petition must contain the reason for such removal and signature of at least 50% of the members of the organization. When such a petition is received the board members shall call a meeting of the organization to decide upon removal.
2. The grounds for removal are to be presented by board members at a special meeting of the board.
3. The officer in question shall be provided one week to present a defense either in person or in writing to the Board of Trustees.
4. A 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Trustee shall decide upon removal, with voting not to occur sooner than one week after the presentation of the grounds and defense have been made. There must be a quorum for the vote of removal. This removal shall then be approved by the board members.

ARTICLE XI

Association Committees and Elders or Advisors

Section 1: Working Committee: This committee will be involved in general organization activities. They are to work closely with the Executive Members and the Board of Trustee. They will be available towards the engagements and activities of the organization.

Section 2: Intervention Committee: This committee is involved with emergency issues related to the organization. They hold urgent meetings on matters that need urgent attention.

Section 3: This organization will have at least five(5) elders to serve as an **advisors**

Be available to all members for consultation for advice, counsel, and as a resource

1. Meet [regularly with with President and sometimes the board members
2. Be familiar with activities policies pertaining to organizations
3. Attend organization's meetings and activities
- 4.

Section 4: Adviser Selection

1. The board members will meet with prospective Elders / Advisors and make a recommendation to the general membership

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

After deliberation of proposed amendments it shall be tabled until the next meetings, at which time it will be brought up for vote. A 2/3 majority will be required to pass amendments.

ARTICLE XIII

Affiliations

Section 1: [This section of the constitution should indicate whether or not the group is affiliated with any state, regional, or national association, and whether members will have to pay them due. It shall be updated continuously.

ARTICLE XIV

Acknowledgement Existing Government Authorities

Section 1: Hierarchy of Law- The provisions of this Constitution are governed by and subordinate to the constitution and laws of Oredo Local Government, Edo State, and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.