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**ENACTED BY THE EKITI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY *as follows:***

**ESTABLISHMENT OF EKITI STATE HONOURS ROLL.**

1. There is hereby established the Ekiti State Honours Roll otherwise known as “ONI UYI” AWARDS.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARD.**

2. The ‘ONI UYI’ Award which is to be conferred on deserving members of the society annually shall have, as its main objectives, the following -
  - (a) to recognize and reward distinguished and hardworking individuals who have excelled in their respective chosen careers or callings;
  - (b) to recognize and reward those who have in one way or another supported the development of Ekiti State; and
  - (c) to engender more patriotism and uphold the core values of Ekiti State.

**CATEGORIES OF ‘ONI UYI’ AWARD.**

3. The Award shall come under the following major categories -
  - (a) Ekiti Exceptional Achievers (EEA);
  - (b) Member of Ekiti Exceptional Achievers (MEEA);
  - (c) Member of Ekiti Meritorious Service (MEMS);
  - (d) Distinguished Friends of Ekiti (DFE);

- (e) Member of Distinguished Friends of Ekiti (MDFE);
- (f) Member of Ekiti Ambassadors (MEA); and
- (g) Ekiti Reputable Entrepreneurship (ERE).

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD.**

4. (1) **Ekiti Exceptional Achievers (EEA)** - This Honour shall be conferred on qualified people in the following categories:

- (a) Former and Serving Presidents;
- (b) Vice Presidents;
- (c) Governors;
- (d) Extra Ordinary Icons.

(2) **Member of Ekiti Exceptional Achievers (MEEA)** - This Honour shall be conferred on qualified people in the following categories:

- (a) Legislators;
- (b) Chief Judges;
- (c) State High Court Judges;
- (d) Secretary to the State Government;
- (e) Commissioners;
- (f) Professionals;
- (g) Academia;
- (h) Scholars.

(3) **Members of Ekiti Meritorious Service (MEMS)** - This Honour shall be conferred on qualified members of the following categories of people:

- (a) Heads of Service;
- (b) Clerks of the House;
- (c) Chief Registrar;
- (d) Permanent Secretaries;

- (e) Public Servants;
- (f) Community Icons.

(4) **Distinguished Friends of Ekiti (DFE)** - This Honour shall be conferred on very distinguished friends of Ekiti.

(5) **Member of Distinguished Friends of Ekiti (MDFE)** - This Honour shall be conferred on qualified members of the following categories of people:

- (a) Non-Indigenes of Ekiti State who have done the State proud by their unique conduct.
- (b) Other deserving Non-Indigenes in this category.

(6) **Member of Ekiti Ambassadors (MEA)** - This Honour shall be conferred on indigenes of Ekiti who have done the State proud by their conducts and characters.

(7) **Ekiti Reputable Entrepreneurship (ERE)** - This Honour shall be conferred on deserving members of the following categories of people:

- (a) Indigenes whose businesses, investments and industries have impacted the State positively;
- (b) Non-Indigenes whose businesses, industries and Investment have positively impacted Ekiti State.

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE.**

5. (1) There is hereby established a Committee to be known as the Implementation Committee hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee'.
- (2) Membership of the Committee shall be inaugurated annually by the Executive Governor.

#### **FUNCTIONS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE.**

6. The Implementation Committee shall, among other things, perform the following functions -
- (a) Collate a pool of all potentials Awardees in a given year;
  - (b) Submit the final list of the potential Awardees and submit same to the Governor for his final approval;
  - (c) Design special and unique Plaques to be presented to each Awardee during the ceremony.

**POWER TO CONFER THE AWARD.**

7. It shall be the exclusive power of the Executive Governor of Ekiti State to confer the 'ONI UYI' Award on the Recipients upon confirmation by the House of Assembly.

**REGISTER OF THE EKITI STATE HONOURS ROLL.**

8. (1) The Ministry of Regional Development and Special Duties shall open a Register of Ekiti State Honours Roll and submit same to the Office of the Secretary to the State Government for keeps on behalf of the State Government.
- (2) A copy of the Register of Ekiti State Honours Roll shall be submitted to the House of Assembly.

**DEPRIVATION.**

9. (1) If it appears to the Government, after an inquiry or as the Governor thinks fit, that a beneficiary of "ONI UYI" Awards has conducted himself/herself in a manner that is inconsistent with the dignity attached to this Award, he/she may by a Notice in the State Gazette or Official Website, deprive such person of the Award.
- (2) On the publication of such a Notice in respect of the persons:
- (a) The Ministry shall forthwith strike the particulars of that person from the Register of the Ekiti State Honours Rolls, and;

(b) That person shall forthwith deliver up the Plaque or any other affiliated item received by him in accordance with the direction of the Secretary to the State Government.

#### **OFFENCES.**

10. If a person who is not entitled by virtue of this Law:

- (a) uses a designation or abbreviation specified by Law in respect of the honour or a description nearly resembling such a designation or abbreviation as to likely deceive, or
- (b) uses, be in possession or displays any plaque so specified or which resembles anything that is likely to deceive, or
- (c) by any other means represents himself to be a person who is or was honoured with the “ONI UYI’ Awards,

such a person shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine of ₦100,000.00, or both.

#### **INTERPRETATIONS.**

11. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Beneficiaries”** means deserving Awardees in areas such as the Public Service, Governance, Scholarship, Professionalism, Industry, Philanthropy, Art and Culture, Music, those who can be called Icons in our society and also Friends of the State.

**“Governor”** means the Executive Governor of Ekiti State.

**“House of Assembly”** means the Ekiti State House of Assembly.

**“Implementation Committee”** means the Committee to be inaugurated annually by the Governor for the implementation of the “ONI UYI” Award.

**“Legislators”** mean the Honourable members of the National and State House of Assemblies.

**“Ministry”** means the Ministry of Regional Development and Special Duties saddled with the responsibility of implementing the provisions of this Law.

**“ONI UYI”** means a distinguished honourable member of the society.

**“ONI UYI Awards”** means the Award instituted by the Ekiti State Government to recognize and reward hardworking individuals who have excelled in their respective chosen careers or callings or who have supported the State in its journey or development.

#### **CITATION.**

- 12.** This Law may be cited as the Ekiti State Honours Roll Law, 2020.