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**An Act respecting the Monastère
des Ursulines de Québec**

Introduction

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AN ACT RESPECTING THE MONASTÈRE DES URSULINES DE QUÉBEC

AS the Moniales de l'Ordre de Sainte-Ursule, also called the "Ursulines", founded the Monastère des Ursulines de Québec in 1639;

AS the Union canadienne des Moniales de l'Ordre de Sainte-Ursule, of which the Ursulines are members, owns the Monastère, situated in Vieux-Québec;

AS the Monastère is a convent complex that is protected under the Cultural Heritage Act (chapter P-9.002) because it is situated in the historic district of Vieux-Québec and is classified as a heritage immovable under that Act;

AS the Union canadienne des Moniales de l'Ordre de Sainte-Ursule no longer has the human and financial resources to maintain the Monastère;

AS the Ursulines have created a social trust, the Fiducie du patrimoine culturel des Ursulines, for the purpose of protecting this cultural heritage for the benefit of all of Québec society as well as for cultural, spiritual, educational, social and community purposes;

AS the Union canadienne des Moniales de l'Ordre de Sainte-Ursule intends to transfer the Monastère, by gratuitous title, to the Fiducie du patrimoine culturel des Ursulines;

AS the Monastère is exempt from property taxes under paragraph 12 of section 204 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (chapter F-2.1);

AS the transfer will result in the Monastère losing the property tax exemption;

AS the Monastère is in the process of being converted while keeping its original functions that have been carried on throughout its existence: a living environment, an educational environment, a place of peace, contemplation and spirituality as well as a hub for culture, services and exchange;

AS, without the property tax exemption, the Monastère's conversion project could compromise the Fiducie's financial viability, given its limited financial resources and the difficulty in generating profit to maintain its activities;

AS it is in the interest of the Ursulines to protect, through the conversion project, the Monastère, which represents a fundamental part of their cultural heritage;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** In this Act, “Monastère” means the Monastère des Ursulines de Québec, being lot 6 669 283 of the cadastre of Québec, registration division of Québec, including existing and future buildings and appurtenances.
- 2.** The Monastère is exempt from any tax or surtax that Ville de Québec, the Communauté métropolitaine de Québec or a school service centre imposes on an immovable or by reason of an activity held there, including any form of tariff or compensation.
- 3.** Section 2 takes effect on the transfer of the Monastère by the Union canadienne des Moniales de l’Ordre de Sainte-Ursule to the Fiducie du patrimoine culturel des Ursulines and remains in effect as long as the latter owns the Monastère.
- 4.** The provisions of this Act apply despite any contrary or inconsistent provision of the laws in force in Québec.
- 5.** This Act must be published in the land register, on the lot mentioned in section 1.
- 6.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).