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THE APPOINTMENT AND DEPOSITION OF CHIEFS (APPOINTMENT OF OSU AJIRI) ORDER, 2011

IN THE EXERCISE OF POWERS CONFERRED BY SECTION 4 OF THE CHIEFS (APPOINTMENT AND DEPOSITION) LAW CAP 20 OF 1963 AND OTHER POWERS ENABLING ME IN THAT BEHALF, I HEREBY MAKE THE **FOLLOWING ORDER: -**



LAW NO. 1 OF 2011

23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2011

Date of Commencement. Citation and Commencement.

- 1. This Order may be cited as the Udege Traditional Council (Modification of Native Law and Custom relating to the Selection of Osu Ajiri of Udege Chiefdom) Order 2011, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011.
- 2. The Afo Native Law and Custom set out in the Schedulele to this Order shall be the Native Law and Custom relating to the selection of Osu Ajiri and shall be in force in the area of authority of the Udege Traditional Council.
- 3. The Gom Mama shall be selected from adult male indigenes of the Chiefdom.
- 4. The Traditional Selectors shall be the following persons:-
  - Village Head of Ambaka (i)
  - (ii) Village Head of Zalli
  - (iii) Village Head of Ukollo

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- (iv) Village Head of Kwara
- (v) Village Head of Muggu
- (vi) Village Head of Mama
- (vii) Village Head of Magar
- (viii) Village Head of Jinibol
- (ix) Village Head of Marhai
- (x) Village Head of Arum
- (xi) Village Head of Chessu
- (xii) Village Head of Turkwa
- (xiii) Village Head of Yashi
- (xiv) Village Head of Kumurum
- (xv) Village Head of Kanje
- (xvi) Village Head of Chugbu
- (xvii) Village Head of Chini
- (xviii) Village Head of Tumar
- (xix) Village Head of Ajimara
- (xx) Village Head of Tsavo
- (xxi) Village Head of Shwa
- (xxii) Village Head of Tapha
- **5.** (1) Wherever the office of Gom Mama, shall become vacant, the secretary shall inform the Military Administrator in writing of such vacant.
  - (2) The Military Administrator on receipt of the information on the office of the Gom Mama being vacant, will appoint a suitable person as the Presiding Officer for the purpose of the selection of the Gom Mama.
- **6.** (1) The Presiding Officer shall summon a meeting within the Local Government Area of the Traditional Selectors after giving a notice of not less than seven days of his intention to summon such a meeting.
  - (2) Secretary and a representative of the Local Government appointed by the Military Administrator shall be in attendance as observers.
  - (3) Fifteen members of the Traditional Selectors shall constitute a quorum for such meeting.

Appointment of Presiding Officer.

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Nominations.

- **7.** (1) The Presiding Officer shall issue nomination papers to each Traditional Selector and shall call for nomination of candidates by the Traditional Selectors from among the adult male indigenes of the Chiefdom as specified in paragraph 3.
  - (2) Nomination of candidates shall be to the Presiding Officer in writing and with some assistance from any person in the case of an illiterate Traditional Selector.
  - (3) No Traditional Selector shall nominate himself for the Selection.
  - (4) Where a Traditional Selector is nominated and he agrees to stand for election, he shall vacate the electoral college.
  - (5) Where a Traditional Selector loses his right to vote under sub-paragraph (4) he shall not be replaced by another person.
  - (6) Where one person is nominated, such a person shall be deemed to be selected as Gom Mama subject to the approval of the Military Administrator after consultation with the Council of Chiefs.

Election by Secret Ballot

- 8. (1) Where more than one candidate are nominated, the Presiding Officer shall conduct an election by secret ballot in which all the Traditional Selectors shall qualify to vote and the candidate who receives the largest number of votes shall be deemed to be selected Gom Mama subject to the approval of the Military Administrator after consultation with the Council of Chiefs.
  - (2) In the event of a tie, there shall be a fresh ballot held on the same day in accordance with the sub-paragraph (1) for the candidates who receives the largest and equal number of votes and the candidate who then receives the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be selected to be the Gom Mama subject to the approval of the Military Administrator after consultation with the Council of Chiefs.
  - (3) In the event of a second tie, the Presiding Officer shall forthwith decide between the candidates with the largest and equal number of votes by lot and the candidate on whom the lot falls shall be deemed to be selected to be the Gom Mama subject to the approval of Military Administrator after consultation with the Council of Chiefs.

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**9.** The Presiding Officer shall communicate the result of the selection in writing to the Military Administrator for his approval after consultation with the Council of Chiefs.

Made in Lafia this 4th day of March, 1998.



ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM Wing Commander, Military Administrator, Nasarawa State of Nigeria.