

DECEASED BROTHER'S WIDOW'S MARRIAGE ORDINANCE 1924.*

An Ordinance for validating certain Marriages.

WHEREAS by a law of the State of South Australia in force in the Northern Territory of Australia it is provided, *inter alia*, that marriage between any person and the sister of his deceased wife is valid and of full force and effect, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that marriage between a man and his deceased brother's widow shall be of equal validity to that before mentioned:

BE it therefore ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Northern Territory Acceptance Act* 1910-1919 and the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act* 1910, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Deceased Brother's Widow's Marriage Ordinance* 1924.*

Marriage with
a deceased
brother's
widow not to
be deemed
void.

2. No marriage contracted either before or after the commencement of this Ordinance and either within or outside the Territory between a man and his deceased brother's widow shall be deemed to have been or shall be void or voidable as a civil contract by reason only of the affinity between the contracting parties.

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