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**An Act to establish Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua as a
Maori Trust Board** [21 December 1988]

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua Act 1988.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 28th day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

2. Interpretation—In this Act, “Te Runanga” means Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua constituted by section 5 of this Act.

3. Act to bind the Crown—This Act shall bind the Crown.

4. Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua constituted—(1) There is hereby constituted a body corporate to be known as Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua, which shall be a Maori Trust Board within the meaning and for the purposes of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955, and, subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of that Act shall apply accordingly.

(2) The beneficiaries of Te Runanga shall be the descendants of Haumoewarangi, a tupuna o Ngati Whatua.

5. Membership of Te Runanga—(1) As soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, the Governor-General shall, on the recommendation of the Minister of Maori Affairs, appoint such number of persons not exceeding 11 as the Minister thinks fit to be the initial members of Te Runanga.

(2) Each initial member of Te Runanga shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and comes into office under subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Te Runanga shall cause to be prepared a roll containing the names and addresses of all adult beneficiaries of Te Runanga, and Te Runanga and the Secretary of Te Runanga shall do everything necessary, in accordance with Part III of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955, to hold an election of members of Te Runanga.

6. Functions, objects, and powers—In performing the functions conferred on it by section 24 of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955, Te Runanga shall consult with other tribal authorities concerned with the administration of resources for the benefit of members of the Ngati Whatua tribe, with the objective of bringing the assets of the whole tribe under a unified administration, thereby reaffirming tribal identity, while still preserving local autonomy.

7. Te Kauhanganui—(1) Te Runanga shall from time to time, by resolution, appoint a council of elders to be known as Te Kauhanganui.

(2) The principal function of Te Kauhanganui shall be to advise Te Runanga on all matters involving Ngati Whatua lore.

(3) Te Kauhanganui shall comprise such of the kaumatua of the beneficiaries as Te Runanga may decide to appoint from time to time after consulting the kaumatua.

8. Annual hui—(1) Te Runanga shall in every year hold a hui at which it shall report on its activities and its plans for the future to the beneficiaries.

(2) Not later than 3 months before the date of the proposed hui in any year, the Secretary of Te Runanga shall cause public notice to be given to the beneficiaries of Te Runanga of the date and place of the proposed hui.

(3) Section 46 (2) of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 shall apply to every public notice required to be given under subsection (2) of this section.

9. Bank accounts—The bank account into which all money belonging to Te Runanga is required by section 28 (1) of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 to be paid shall be called “Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua Account”.