include affirmation when by law such affirmamation is required or allowed to be taken in place of an oath: and every word importing the singular number shall extend and be ap-

- 5 plied to several persons and things as well as one person or thing, and bodies corporate or politic as well as individuals, and every word importing the plural number shall extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as
- 10 several persons or things: and every word importing the masculine gender only, shall extend and be applied to a female as well as a male.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That this Act Public Act. 15 shall be taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and other persons, without being specially pleaded.

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