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**OFFICIAL GAZETTE  
THE BAHAMAS**

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30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Article 29(1) of the Constitution, the Governor-General made a proclamation of emergency (hereinafter “the Proclamation”) dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 declaring that a state of public emergency exists in The Bahamas;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Article 29(4) of the Constitution, the Proclamation ceases to be in force at the expiration of a period of fourteen days beginning on the date on which it was made or such longer period as may be provided under paragraph (5) of Article 29 of the Constitution;

**AND WHEREAS** the period of fourteen days beginning on the date on which the Proclamation was made, expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 29(5) of the Constitution provides for the continuance in force of a Proclamation if at any time while the Proclamation is in force, a resolution is passed by each House of Parliament approving its continuance in force for a further period, not exceeding six months, beginning on the date on which it would otherwise expire, the Proclamation shall, if not sooner revoked, continue in force for that further period;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to section 3(1) of the Emergency Powers Act (Ch. 34) (hereinafter “the Act”) the Governor-General made the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020;

**AND WHEREAS** section 5(1) of the Act provides that all emergency, if sooner revoked, shall cease to have effect when the proclamation of emergency in pursuance of which they have been made ceases to have effect;

**AND WHEREAS** section 5(2) of the Act provides that no emergency regulations shall have effect during a period when a proclamation of emergency is in force by virtue of having been extended by a resolution of each House of Parliament under the Constitution, unless each House of Parliament has, by a like resolution in such case, affirmed that those regulations shall have effect during that period;

**AND WHEREAS** section 3(3) of the Act provides that emergency regulations may empower such authorities or persons as may be specified in the regulations to make orders and rules for any of the purposes for which such regulations are authorized by this Act to be made, and may contain such incidental and supplementary provisions as appear to the Governor-General to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the regulations and the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020 empowers the Competent Authority to make such Orders.

**AND WHEREAS** the existence of a state of public emergency in The Bahamas as a result of the presence and effect of Covid 19 in The Bahamas continues;

**AND WHEREAS** it continues to be necessary and expedient for securing the public safety, the defence of The Bahamas, the maintenance of public order, the suppression of mutiny, rebellion and riot, for maintaining public order, and for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life and well-being of the community to continue in force, the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020 made by the Governor-General on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, pursuant to section 3(1) of the Emergency Powers Act (Ch. 34) and the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 made by the Competent Authority on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 ;

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED** that this House —

- (a) approves the continuance of the Proclamation until the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020;
- (b) affirms the continuance in effect of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020 made on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 until the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020;
- (c) affirms the continuance in effect of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 until the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020.