



## **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS** Article 29(1) of the Constitution recognizes that the Governor-General may make a proclamation that a state of public emergency exists;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 29(4) of the Constitution provides that a proclamation of emergency shall, unless it is sooner revoked by the Governor-General, cease 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 this Article, but without prejudice to the making of another proclamation of emergency at or before the end of that period;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 29(5) of the Constitution provides that if at any time while a proclamation of emergency is in force (including any time while it is in force by virtue of the provisions of this paragraph) 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** I am satisfied that due to the confirmation of the presence of Covid 19 in The Bahamas, a state of public emergency exists in The Bahamas as a result of the aforementioned circumstances;

**NOW THEREFOR, I, The Most Honourable Cornelius Alvin Smith, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 29 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas HEREBY DECLARE that:**

- (a) with effect from the 17th day of March, 2020, a state of public emergency exists in The Bahamas;
- (b) this proclamation of emergency shall cease to be in force at the expiration of a period of fourteen days from the date hereof, or such longer period as may be provided for by a resolution 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.

**Dated the 17th day of March, 2020**

**Governor-General**

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**