



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS pursuant to Article 29(1) of the Constitution, the Governor-General made a proclamation of emergency (hereinafter “the Proclamation”) dated the 17th 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 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 Article 29(5) of the Constitution, a resolution (hereinafter “the First Resolution”) was passed by each House of Parliament on the 30th day of March, 2020 which approved the continuance in force of the Proclamation for a further period of eight days until the 8th day of April, 2020;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Article 29(5) of the Constitution, a resolution (hereinafter “the Second Resolution”) was passed by each House of Parliament on the 6th day of April, 2020 which approved the continuance in force of the Proclamation for a further period of twenty-two days until the 30th day of April, 2020;

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 on the 17th day of March, 2020;

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 WHEREAS the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020 empowers the Competent Authority to make such orders and the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020 was made by the Competent Authority on the 23rd day of March, 2020;

AND WHEREAS section 5(1) of the Act provides that all emergency regulations, 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 pursuant to section 5(2) of the Act, by the First Resolution, each House of Parliament affirmed the continuance in effect of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020, and the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020, on the 30th day of March, 2020, the Competent Authority made the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(Special Provisions) Order, 2020;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 5(2) of the Act, by the Second Resolution, each House of Parliament affirmed the continuance in effect of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020, the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020 and the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(Special Provisions) Order, 2020;

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, 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, the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020 and the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(Special Provisions) Order, 2020;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that this House —

- (a) approves the continuance of the Proclamation made on the 17th day of March, 2020 until the 30th day of May, 2020;
- (b) affirms the continuance in effect of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020 made on the 17th day of March, 2020 until the 30th day of May, 2020;
- (c) affirms the continuance in effect of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020 made on the 23rd day of March, 2020 until the 30th day of May, 2020;
- (d) affirms the continuance in effect of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(Special Provisions) Order, 2020 made on the 30th day of March, 2020 until the 30th day of May, 2020.