

BELIZE:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 45 of 2020



**A PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATE OF
PUBLIC EMERGENCY IN THE
COUNTRY OF BELIZE**

By His Excellency, Sir Colville N. Young,
G.C.M.G., M.B.E., Ph.D., J.P.(S),
Governor-General of Belize

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. N. Young", written in a cursive style.

(COLVILLE N. YOUNG)
Governor-General

(Gazetted 1st April, 2020).

WHEREAS, section 18 (2) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Governor-General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the *Gazette*, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Part II of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (3) of the Belize Constitution provides that, in order to have effect, the proclamation must contain a declaration of the Governor-General that he is satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the outbreak of infectious disease;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (4) of the Belize Constitution

provides that a proclamation made under section 18 (2) may be made so as to apply only to such part of Belize as may be specified in the proclamation;

AND WHEREAS, I am satisfied that a public emergency has arisen in the entire country of Belize as a result of the outbreak of the infectious disease known as COVID 19;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (5) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made by the Governor-General for the purposes of and in accordance with section 18 of the Constitution shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month; but may be extended from time to time by a resolution passed by the National Assembly for further periods, not exceeding in respect of each such extension a period of twelve months; and may be revoked at any time by a resolution of the National Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Colville N. Young, Governor-General of Belize, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the above mentioned provisions of the Belize Constitution and otherwise, **Do Hereby Declare And Proclaim that –**

- (a) a public emergency exists in the entire country of Belize;
- (b) this Proclamation shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period of one month, or such longer period, not exceeding twelve months, as may be determined by resolution passed by the National Assembly.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Belize this **1st day of April, 2020.**

GOD SAVE BELIZE!!
