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SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE ORDER 1978

(L.N. NO. 43 OF 1978)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16(2) of the Constitution, I, SIR DAVID VUNAGI, Knight Grand Cross of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of Saint John, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Solomon Islands, by this Proclamation declare that on and from 24 July 2021 a state of public emergency exists in Solomon Islands on the grounds that:

- (a) the World Health Organisation has declared that Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“**COVID-19**”):
 - (i) is a public health emergency of international concern; and
 - (ii) is a pandemic; and
- (b) COVID-19 can easily transmit from person to person and is capable of causing a severe respiratory illness which may lead to death; and
- (c) it is necessary to continue to take measures to ensure that COVID-19 is not transmitted from person to person within Solomon Islands (including by controlling the entry of persons into Solomon Islands and requiring the quarantining and testing of persons); and
- (d) it is necessary to preserve public health, safety, order and security during the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Made under my hand and the public seal on twenty-third day July 2021.

SIR DAVID VUNAGI
GOVERNOR-GENERAL
