2020 Emergency Powers SRO. 72 (COVID-19) (No. 3) Proclamation

GRENADA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 72 OF 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL A PROCLAMATION



CÉCILE E. F. LA GRENADE Governor-General.

WHEREAS there has been a worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and on 11th March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the outbreak a global pandemic;

AND WHEREAS COVID-19 is highly infectious and can spread from person to person and can result in serious respiratory illness or death;

AND WHEREAS on 22nd March 2020 the Ministry of Health of the Government of Grenada confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Grenada;

AND WHEREAS on 25th March 2020 a state of emergency was declared in the State of Grenada by proclamation which was revoked on the 30th March 2020;

AND WHEREAS on 30th March 2020 a second state of emergency was declared in the State of Grenada by proclamation and approved by a resolution of both Houses of Parliament on the 17th April 2020;

AND WHEREAS the declaration of a state of emergency of 30th March 2020 lapsed on the 30th September 2020;

AND WHEREAS on 12th December 2020 the Ministry of Health of the Government of Grenada

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confirmed that a cluster of twenty-six positive cases of COVID-19 were discovered bringing the total number of active COVID-19 in the State of Grenada to forty-four;

AND WHEREAS this public health crisis threatens public safety, public order and the maintenance of medical and other services and supplies essential to the life of the people in Grenada;

AND WHEREAS the risk of transmission of COVID-19 may be substantially reduced by separating and restricting the movement of persons known or suspected to have contracted the disease and it is necessary to take preventive and proactive measures to slow the spread of the virus and treat those affected;

AND WHEREAS Section 17 of the Constitution provides that the Governor-General may, by Proclamation declare that a state of emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter I of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS Section 3 of the Emergency Powers Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Grenada provides that if at any time it appears to the Governor-General that action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any person or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be likely to endanger the maintenance of public safety, public or any supplies or services essential to the life of the community, the Governor-General may, declare that a state of emergency exists in Grenada or any part thereof;

AND WHEREAS Section 17 (3) of the Constitution and Section 3 (2) of the Emergency Powers Act provide that a declaration of emergency may at any time be revoked by the Governor-General by Proclamation;

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Governor-General that having regards to the number of people

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who have received laboratory confirmed positive test for the COVID-19 virus between the 12th day of December 2020 and 21st day of December 2020 in Grenada and the real likelihood that people who are positive with the COVID-19 virus and have unknowingly been exposed to the COVID-19 virus and are now carriers of the COVID-19 virus in the normal course of their daily activities may continue to move around aggravating the public health crisis and threatening public safety, public order, and the maintenance of medical and other supplies and services essential to life in Grenada and that to prevent, mitigate or curtail the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus in Grenada it is necessary to declare that a state of emergency exists in Grenada

NOW THEREFORE, I CÉCILE LA GRENADE, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General in and over Grenada, acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the State of Grenada;

AND THAT the provisions contained in the Emergency Powers Act shall have continuing application.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Grenada, this 21st day of December, Two Thousand and Twenty in the sixty-eighth year of the reign of HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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