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WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 25th March, 2020 the Governor General declared a state of public emergency under section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23

AND WHEREAS section 20(2) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda provides that – "Every declaration shall lapse-

- (a) in the case of a declaration made when Parliament is sitting, at the expiration of a period of seven days beginning with the date date of publication of declaration; and
- (b) in any other case, at the expiration of a period of twenty-one days beginning with the date of publication of the declaration, unless it has in the meantime been approved by resolutions of both House of Parliament."

AND WHEREAS section 20(5) provides that-

"A resolution of a House of Parliament passed for the purposes of his section shall remain in force for three months or such shorter period as may be specified therein:

Provided that any such resolution may be extended from time to time by a further such resolution each extension not exceeding three months from the due of the resolution effecting the extension and any such resolution may be revoked at any time by a resolution of that House."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House **APPROVES** the Declaration of the State of Public Emergency issued by the Governor General on the advice of the Cabinet under section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda and published on the 25th March, 2020;

AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House approves that the State of Public Emergency declared on the 25th March, 2020 shall remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days unless sooner revoked by a further Resolution of this House.

Passed by the House of Representatives on the 31st day of March, 2020.

Passed by the Senate on the 31st day of March, 2020.

Gerald Watt, Q.C., Speaker.

Osbert Fredrick, President (Ag).

A. Peters, *Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

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