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14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

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## PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** Article 29(1) of the Constitution recognizes that the Governor-General may make a proclamation that a state of public emergency exists;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 29(4) of the Constitution provides that a proclamation of emergency shall, unless it is sooner revoked by the Governor-General, cease 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 this Article but without prejudice to the making of another proclamation of emergency at or before the end of that period;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 29(5) of the Constitution provides that if at any time while a proclamation of emergency is in force (including any time while it is in force by virtue of the provisions of this paragraph) 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** despite the fact that a national vaccination distribution program is in progress, there remains a comparatively low percentage of fully vaccinated persons in The Bahamas;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a third wave of infections on the islands of New Providence and Grand Bahama which continues to cause illness and death in The Bahamas;

**AND WHEREAS** according to scientific and medical advice, Covid 19 is likely to persist as a pandemic in The Bahamas, for the foreseeable future;

**AND WHEREAS** I am satisfied that the Covid 19 pandemic continues to persist in The Bahamas;

**NOW THEREFOR, I,** The Most Honourable **Cornelius Alvin Smith,** Governor-General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 29(1)(b) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, **HEREBY DECLARE** that:

- (a) with effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, a state of public emergency exists in The Bahamas;
- (b) this proclamation of emergency shall continue for a period of fourteen days unless extended by each House of Parliament by resolution continuing it in force for a further period as provided in Article 29(5) of the Constitution.

**Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.**

**Signed**  
**CORNELIUS A. SMITH**  
**Governor-General**