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**SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE ORDER 1978
(L.N. 43 of 1978)****PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

IN exercise of 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, do hereby proclaim and declare that a state of public emergency exists in Solomon Islands:

- (a) in light of the following declarations by the World Health Organisation on the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”):
 - (i) that the COVID-19 is a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and
 - (ii) that the spread of the COVID-19 is now categorised as a pandemic; and
 - (iii) that the COVID-19 can spread from person to person through the air or by contact causing severe respiratory illness which may lead to death; and
 - (iv) that the COVID-19 currently affects 192 countries and territories of the world; and
- (b) for the preservation of public security during the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) as a necessary measure to ensure that the COVID-19:
 - (i) is not imported into Solomon Islands; or
 - (ii) is not spread in Solomon Islands.

MADE IN HONIARA this twenty-fifth day of March, 2020.

SIR DAVID VUNAGI
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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