

**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**



**PROCLAMATION DATED THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2020, DECLARING A STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20(1) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA CAP. 23.**

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

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**WHEREAS** it is enacted by section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23 that the Governor General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the Official *Gazette*, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter II of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23;

**AND WHEREAS** section 21(5) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23 provides that a proclamation under section 20 shall not be effective unless it contains a declaration that the Governor General is satisfied –

- (a) that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the imminence of a state of war between Her Majesty and a foreign state or as a result of the occurrence of any earthquake, hurricane, flood, fire, outbreak of pestilence or of infectious disease, or other calamity whether similar to the foregoing or not; or
- (b) that action has been taken, or is immediately threatened, by any person, of such a nature and on so extensive a scale, as to be likely to endanger the public safety or to deprive the community or any substantial portion of the community of supplies or services essential to life;

**AND WHEREAS** a public emergency has arisen as a result of the Coronavirus 2019 an infectious disease more commonly known as COVID-19;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, SIR RODNEY WILLIAMS KCN, GCMG**, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, by this Proclamation do hereby declare –

- (a) that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter II of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23;
- (b) that I am satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of the Coronavirus 2019 more commonly known as COVID-19, which has been declared as a dangerous infectious disease.

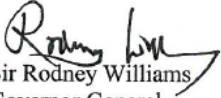
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**GIVEN** under my hand and the Public Seal of Antigua and Barbuda at Government House in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda this 25th day of March, 2020 in the Sixty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

**GIVEN** at the Governor General's  
Residence, St. John's, Antigua  
this 25th day of March, 2020  
and in the Sixty-ninth year of  
Her Majesty's Reign

  
Sir Rodney Williams  
Governor General

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!**