

[Legal Notice No. 103]

SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE ORDER 1978
(L.N. No. 43 of 1978)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY

In exercise of the 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, by this Proclamation declare that a state of public emergency exists in Solomon Islands on the grounds that:

- (a) the World Health Organisation has declared that the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”):
 - (i) is a public health emergency of international concern; and
 - (ii) is a pandemic; and
 - (iii) can transmit from person to person causing severe respiratory illness which may lead to death; and
- (b) it is necessary to ensure that the COVID-19:
 - (i) is not imported into Solomon Islands; and
 - (ii) is not transmitted from person to person within Solomon Islands; and
- (c) it is necessary to preserve public health, safety and security during the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MADE under my hand and the public seal on 24th July 2020.

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SIR DAVID VUNAGI
GOVERNOR-GENERAL