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SAMUEL WEYMOUTH TAPLEY SEATON

Governor-General

23rd November, 2020.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

No. 14 of 2020

AN ACT to amend the National Disaster Management Act, Cap. 19.06.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis and by the authority of the same as follows:

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the National Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Interpretation.

In this Act,

“principal Act” means the National Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, Cap. 19.06;

3. Amendment of section 2.

The principal Act is amended in section 2 by adding the following definition in the correct alphabetical order

““National Emergency Management Agency” means the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) referred to under section 9A;

“National Emergency Operation Centre” mean the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) referred under section 9B;”

4. Amendment of Act by adding Part IIIA.

The Act is amended by adding the following new Part III A

**“PART III A
NEMA and NEOC**

9A. National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

The National Emergency Management Agency shall monitor and supervise any activity which may have direct or indirect bearing on the level of national disaster preparedness, prevention and safety in Saint Christopher and Nevis.

9B. National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC)

(1) The Executive Committee of the National Emergency Operation Centre may be activated in response to a national disaster.

(2) The National Emergency Operation Centre shall be located at the National Emergency Management Agency Building, Lime Kiln, St Kitts or at such other location as agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

(3) Once activated, the Executive Committee of the National Emergency Operation Centre shall be the point to which all official disaster reports and inquiries shall be directed.

(4) The National Emergency Operation Centre shall be managed by the National Emergency Management Agency.

(5) The standard operating procedure for the National Emergency Operation Centre shall be set out in the St Kitts-Nevis National Disaster Plan.”.

A MICHAEL PERKINS
Speaker

Passed by the National Assembly this 17th day of November, 2020.

*SONIA BODDIE-THOMPSON
Clerk of the National Assembly*