

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**(Proclamation 1 of 2020)***(Legal Notice 16 of 2020)*

WHEREAS section 3(1) of the Emergency Powers Ordinance provides that if the Governor is satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of any earthquake, hurricane, flood, fire, outbreak of pestilence, outbreak of infectious disease, or other calamity whether similar to the foregoing or not, or that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any person or body of persons 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 part of the community of supplies or services essential to life, the Governor may by proclamation (hereinafter called a Proclamation of Emergency) declare that a state of emergency exists;

AND WHEREAS section 3(2) of the Emergency Powers Ordinance provides that the Governor may at any time by proclamation revoke a Proclamation of Emergency, and as from the date when such revocation takes effect the Proclamation of Emergency shall cease to be in force except in respect of things previously done or omitted to be done;

AND WHEREAS section 4(1) of the Emergency Powers Ordinance provides that when a Proclamation of Emergency has been made, and so long as the Proclamation is in force, it shall be lawful for the Governor to make such Regulations as appear to him to be necessary;

AND WHEREAS section 4(3) of the Emergency Powers Ordinance provides that all Regulations made under that section shall be laid as soon as may be after the making thereof before the House of Assembly and if any such Regulations are not confirmed by the House of Assembly within twenty-one days of the day on which the Regulations are made, the Regulations shall thereupon cease to have effect;

AND WHEREAS I am satisfied that, COVID-19 constitutes a serious and imminent threat to the Turks and Caicos Islands and in order to prevent COVID-19 from entering the Islands, as well as controlling or containing the spread of COVID-19 should it be identified in the Islands, a state of public emergency exists in the Turks and Caicos Islands as a result of the aforementioned circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NIGEL DAKIN, Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands, acting with the advice of the Cabinet and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 3(1) of the Emergency Powers Ordinance, for the purpose of preventing, controlling or containing the spread of COVID-19 in the Turks and Caicos Islands **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** and **DECLARE** that a state of emergency exists in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

This Proclamation takes effect on 24th March at midnight.

MADE this 20th day of March 2020.

NIGEL DAKIN
GOVERNOR

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN