

[Legal Notice No. 111]

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 on and from 24 March 2022 a state of public emergency exists in Solomon Islands on the grounds that:

- (a) the World Health Organisation has declared that Novel Coronavirus 2019 (**“COVID-19”**):
 - (i) is a public health emergency of international concern; and
 - (ii) is a pandemic; and
- (b) COVID-19 can easily transmit from person to person and is capable of causing a severe respiratory illness which may lead to death; and
- (c) it is necessary to continue to take measures to ensure that COVID-19 is not introduced into, and transmitted from person to person within, Solomon Islands (including by controlling the entry of persons into Solomon Islands and requiring the quarantining and testing of persons); and
- (d) it is necessary to preserve public health, safety, order and security during the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Made under my hand and the public seal on twenty-fourth day March 2022.

SIR DAVID VUNAGI
GOVERNOR-GENERAL
