



TONGA GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY

BY AUTHORITY:

No. 4

Friday 20th March

2020



Nuku'alofa
Kingdom of Tonga

PRIME MINISTER

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Pursuant to section 32 of the Emergency Management Act 2007 ("the Act"), and having considered the following—

- (1) The spread of the novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") worldwide and in countries proximate to Tonga;
- (2) That pursuant to the Declaration of Public Health Emergency dated 12 March 2020 and gazetted on 13 March 2020 and the Declaration of COVID-19 to be an Emergency Notifiable Condition dated 12 March 2020 and gazetted on 13 March 2020, it is clear that there is a public health emergency in Tonga.

I am therefore satisfied that COVID-19 is a public health emergency and is imminent and will endanger or threaten to endanger lives of people in Tonga, therefore this requires a significant and coordinated response. The powers under section 37 of the Act shall be invoked to prevent or minimize illness and loss of human life.

I therefore issue this Declaration of a State of Emergency to be applied over all the land and sea areas of Tonga commencing from 20:00 hrs on 20th March 2020 until 20:00 hrs on 17th April 2020 unless further renewed.

DECLARED in Nuku'alofa on this 20th day of **March** 2020.

Honourable Reverend Dr. Pohiva Tu'i'onetoa
PRIME MINISTER



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FAKAHĀ 'O HA TU'UNGA FAKAFOKIFĀ

Fakatatau ki he kupu 32 'o e Lao ki he Pule'i 'o e Me'a Fakafokifa 2007 ("Lao"), pea 'i hono vakai'i 'o e ngaahi me'a ko 'eni –

- (1) Ko e mafola 'a e mahaki novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") fakamamani lahi pea 'i he ngaahi fonua ofiki ki Tonga;
- (2) 'O fakatatau ki he Fakaha 'o ha Tu'unga Fakatu'utamaki ki he Mo'ui na'e fakahoko 'i he 'aho 12 'o Ma'asi 2020 pea kasete'i 'i he 'aho 13 'o Ma'asi 2020 pea mo e Fakaha ko ia 'o e COVID-19 ko e Mahaki Fanongonongo Fakatu'utamaki 'i he 'aho 12 'o Ma'asi 2020 pea kasete 'i he 'aho 13 Ma'asi 2020, kuo mahino mei ai 'oku 'i ai 'a e fakatu'utamaki ki he mo'ui 'a e kakai 'i Tonga.

'I he'ene pehe, 'oku ou fakapapau'i ko e COVID-19 ko e mahaki fakatu'utamaki ki he mo'ui pea 'oku 'amanaki ke hoko pea 'oku tu'u fakatu'utamaki pe 'oku malava ke hoko koe fakatu'utamaki ki he mo'ui 'a e kakai 'i Tonga ko ia ai 'e fiema'u ha ngaue malohi mo ma'opo'opo ke tali 'aki. Kuo pau ke ngaue'aki 'a e ngaahi mafai 'i he kupu 37 'o e Lao ke ta'ofi pe fakasi'isi'i ai 'a e mahaki pe ko ha mole ha mo'ui.

'Oku ou fakahoko heni 'a e Fakaha 'o ha Tu'unga Fakafokifa ko 'eni ke ngaue'aki ki he kotoa 'o e ngaahi 'elia 'o e fonua mo e potu tahi 'o Tonga 'o kamata mei he 8:00 efiafi 'o e 'aho 20 'o Ma'asi 2020 ki he 8:00 efiafi 'o e 'aho 17 'o 'Epeleli 2020 tukukehe ka toe fakafo'ou .

FAKAHĀ 'i Nuku'alofa 'i he 'aho 20 ni 'o Ma'asi 2020.

Honourable Reverend Dr. Pōhiva Tu'i'onetoa

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