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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1997

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY - COVID-19

I, MARK VEITCH, the Director of Public Health, in pursuance of section 14 of the *Public Health Act 1997* ("the Act"), being satisfied that, because of the global spread of the notifiable disease known as COVID-19 ("the disease"), there exists a situation in which a risk to public health is likely to occur -

- (a) declare that the public health emergency, as originally declared under section 14 of the Act in respect of the disease on 17 March 2020 ("the emergency declaration") still exists; and
- (b) declare that the public health emergency arises because of the risk of persons in this State contracting the disease through contact with persons infected with the disease; and
- (c) specify that this declaration relates to all parts of the State; and
- (d) specify that this declaration is in force for the period commencing on 24 March 2020 and ending at midnight on 31 March 2020.

Dated this 24th day of March 2020.

MARK VEITCH Director of Public Health

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