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THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 (ACT NO. 6 OF 1991)

PROCLAMATION, 2020

*By His Excellency Rtd. Brig. Julius Maada Bio,
President of the Republic, Supreme Head of State,
Grand Commander of the Order of the Republic,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Fountain
Head of Unity, Honour, Freedom and Justice.*

RTD. BRIG. JULIUS MAADA BIO

President.

WHEREAS by subsection (1) of section 29 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991) it is provided that whenever in the opinion of the President a state of public emergency has commenced, the President may at any time, by Proclamation which shall be published in the Gazette, declare that a situation exists which, if allowed to continue, may lead to a state of emergency in any part or the whole of Sierra Leone;

WHEREAS the corona virus disease (COVID-19) which typically spreads from one person to another by any form of human contact, is a public health emergency of international concern;

WHEREAS the rapid global spread of the corona virus disease (COVID-19) poses immense risk to human beings that can lead to major loss of life and can cause socio-economic disruption in Sierra Leone;

WHEREAS the situation requires effective measures to prevent, protect and curtail the spread of the corona virus disease (COVID-19) in Sierra Leone;

Now, THEREFORE, I RTD. BRIG. JULIUS MAADABIO, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Supreme Head of State, Grand Commander of the Order of the Republic and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Sierra Leone having regard to the threat that the corona virus disease (COVID-19) poses to the lives of the people and the economy of Sierra Leone, and the need to take effective measures to prevent, protect and curtail the spread of the disease throughout Sierra Leone, Do HEREBY by this Proclamation declare that a State of Public Emergency exists in the whole of the Republic of Sierra Leone with effect from the 24th day of March, 2020 for a period of 12 months.

*Given under my hand and the Public
Seal of the State of Sierra Leone at State
House, Freetown; this 24th day of March,
in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and
Twenty.*

LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE!