

*Constitution of Saint Lucia – Resolution of Parliament Approving
Declaration of State of Emergency*

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2020, No. 40

[24th March, 2020]

WHEREAS it is provided by section 17(1) of the Constitution of Saint Lucia, Cap. 1.01 that the Governor General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the *Gazette*, declare that a state of emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter 1;

AND WHEREAS it is further provided by section 17(3) of the Constitution of Saint Lucia, Cap. 1.01 that the declaration of emergency shall lapse —

- (a) in the case a declaration made when Parliament is sitting, at the expiration of a period of seven days beginning with the date of publication of the declaration; and
- (b) in any other case, at the expiration of a period of twenty-one days beginning with the date of publication of the declaration,

unless it has in the meantime been approved by resolutions of the Senate and the House;

AND WHEREAS it is further provided by section 17(6) of the Constitution of Saint Lucia, Cap. 1.01 that a resolution of the Senate or the House passed for the purposes of section 17 shall remain in force for twelve months or such shorter period as may be specified in the resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Governor General, by proclamation declared a state of emergency that was published in the *Gazette* on the 23rd day of March, 2020 as Statutory Instrument No. 39 of 2020 containing a declaration that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of 2019-nCoV, an infectious disease commonly known as COVID 19;

AND WHEREAS the declaration of emergency is made when Parliament is sitting and will expire at the end of a period of seven days beginning with the date of publication of the declaration unless the declaration is approved by resolutions of the Senate and the House;

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AND WHEREAS it is necessary to approve the declaration of state of emergency that was published in the *Gazette* on the 23rd day of March, 2020 as Statutory Instrument No. 39 of 2020 containing a declaration that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of 2019-n CoV, an infectious disease commonly known as COVID 19 for a further period of 26 days commencing from the 31st day of March, 2020 and ending on the 26th day of April, 2020;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approves the declaration of state of emergency that was published in the *Gazette* on the 23rd day of March, 2020 as Statutory Instrument No. 39 of 2020 containing a declaration that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of 2019-n CoV, an infectious disease commonly known as COVID 19 for a further period of 26 days commencing from the 31st day of March, 2020 and ending on the 26th day of April, 2020.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 24th day of March, 2020.

ANDY G. DANIEL,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 24th day of March, 2020.

JEANNINE GIRAUDY-MCINTYRE,
President of the Senate.