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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION

CONCERNING a declaration of a public health emergency pursuant to section 27 of the *Public Health Protection and Promotion Act*, SNL 2018, c P-37.3

WHEREAS the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS pursuant to section 27 of the *Public Health Protection and Promotion Act*, SNL 2018, c P-37.3 (the “Act”), the Minister of Health and Community Services, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, may declare a public health emergency where the Minister is satisfied that a public health emergency exists and that the public health emergency cannot be sufficiently mitigated or remedied without the implementation of the special measures available under section 28 of the Act; and

WHEREAS this pandemic constitutes an imminent threat of the communicable disease, COVID-19, that presents a serious risk to the health of the population which requires the immediate implementation of certain measures under section 28 of the Act; and

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 27(2) of the Act, a declaration of a public health emergency expires no more than 14 days after it is made, which may be extended for consecutive periods of 14 days pursuant to subsection 27(3) of the Act where, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the public health emergency continues to exist and the extension is required to protect the health of the population; and

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 27(4) of the Act, a declaration of a public health emergency or an extension of a public health emergency shall identify the nature of the public health emergency, describe the area of the province to which it relates, and specify the dates when the declaration takes effect and when it expires; and

WHEREAS pursuant to section 28 of the Act, the Chief Medical Officer of Health is authorized to exercise any of the special measures outlined therein while a declaration of a public health emergency is in effect; and

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 27(6) of the Act, the Chief Medical Officer of Health shall publish the details of this declaration without delay and in a manner that can reasonably be expected to notify the residents of the province to whom the declaration relates;

NOW THEREFORE I, Dr. John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services, on the advice of Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health, hereby make the following declaration:

PURSUANT to section 27 of the Act, a PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY:

is declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

is in effect for the entire province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

is declared for a period of 14 days effective immediately.

DATED on the 18th day of March, 2020 at the city of St. John's, in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

JOHN HAGGIE, MD, FRCS
Minister of Health and Community Services

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