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REGULATIONS made by the Governor-General in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 18(9) of the Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 10th July, 2020.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

BELIZE CONSTITUTION (EMERGENCY POWERS) (BLUE CREEK VILLAGE AND SAN FELIPE VILLAGE) REGULATIONS, 2020.

2. For the purposes of these Regulations–

“emergency area” means the area declared to be under a public state of emergency under the Proclamation;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for National Security;

“minor” means a person sixteen years or under;

“Proclamation” means the Proclamation made by the Governor-General under section 18 of the Belize Constitution declaring that a state of public emergency exists in Blue Creek Village and San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District;

“security forces” means any member of the Coast Guard, Belize Police Department, or Belize Defence Force; and

Citation.

Interpretation.

“social distancing” includes the practice of staying home, avoiding crowds and refraining from touching one another.

3. (1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 and maintaining peace and public order, a curfew is hereby imposed during the hours of eight o’clock p.m. until four fifty-nine a.m. of the following morning for the emergency area, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), every minor shall be and remain within the confines of a private property during the hours of six p.m. until six a.m. the following morning.

(3) For the purposes of sub-regulation (1), no person shall be on the streets or in any public place nor on any public road between the hours specified in that sub-regulation.

(4) Sub-regulations (1) and (3) shall not apply to any members, who are on duty, of the security forces, Customs and Excise Department, Department of Immigration Services only, any frontline health care provider on duty working for the Ministry responsible for health (including hospitals which are statutory bodies).

4. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no person shall enter nor exit Blue Creek Village or San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation.

5. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no person shall gather in numbers of more than ten persons at a time, in Blue Creek Village or San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District, whether in any public place, public space or on private property.
6. Persons in a gathering of ten persons or less shall maintain a distance of no less than six feet between each person.

7. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every person shall practice social distancing and wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering as specified in the Public Health (Prevention of the spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations.

8.-(1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations or incites or attempts to incite any other person to contravene any of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) or to imprisonment for two (2) years.

(2) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under these Regulations is liable to imprisonment for a period of two years.

(3) It shall be the duty of every member of the security forces to enforce, using force if necessary, compliance with these Regulations and with any order, rules, instruction or condition lawfully made, given or imposed by any officer or other person under the authority of this regulation, and for such purpose any member of the security forces may enter any premises, board any ship or aircraft, without a warrant.

(4) Any member of the security forces may arrest, without a warrant, any person whom he has reasonable cause to believe to have committed any offence against these Regulations or any order, rules instruction or condition lawfully made, given or imposed by any officer or other person under the authority of this regulation.
9. For the avoidance of doubt, the Public Health (Prevention of the spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations and the Quarantine (Prevention of the spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID 19) Regulations continues to apply to the emergency area.

10. These Regulations shall have effect during the period of public emergency.

MADE by His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Colville N. Young this 10th day of July, 2020.

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