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THE PUBLIC HEALTH (CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS) REGULATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR ACTING ON THE ADVICE OF CABINET UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (CAP. 14.01).

WHEREAS section 4 of the Public Health Act (Cap. 14.01) (the Act) gives the Minister the responsibility for the administration of the Act to include the prevention, treatment, limitation and suppression of disease; and

WHEREAS section 8(1)(u) of the Act gives the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet the power to make regulations for the removing of children from school and the closing of schools in the interests of public health: and

WHEREAS COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in 173 countries and territories, resulting in 218,768 confirmed cases and 8,944 deaths to date; and

WHEREAS to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Minister has recommended the implementation of a community mitigation strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19, by way of closing of schools in the interests of public health; and

WHEREAS the closing of schools in the interests of public health prevent initial exposure and secondary transmission to vulnerable persons, and is especially important for persons who are over 60 years old and persons with chronic health conditions due to the higher risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19;

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NOW THEREFORE the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet makes the following Regulations:

1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Closure of Schools) Regulations, 2020.

2. Closure of Schools

For the purpose of preventing, limiting and suppressing the spread of COVID-19 all schools shall close commencing 16 March 2020 and shall remain closed until 3 April 2020.

Made by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet this 13th day of March, 2020.

(Sgd.) Marjorie Smith
CLERK OF CABINET

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