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DIRECTIONS

TO: Chief of Staff of the Barbados Defence Force

GREETINGS

WHEREAS it is provided by section 9(2) of the *Defences Act* that, *inter alia*, the Chief of Staff of the Barbados Defence Force is, subject to the directions of the Governor-General, responsible for the operational use of the Barbados Defence Force:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Governor-General to give the Chief of Staff of the Barbados Defence Force directions, with respect to the operational use of the Barbados Defence Force in Barbados, for the purposes of maintaining and securing public order and public safety:

NOW THEREFORE I, Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 9(2) of the *Defences Act* and all other powers me enabling, do hereby give you directions for the operational use of the Barbados Defence Force, in Barbados, for the purposes of maintaining and securing public order and public safety in support of the Barbados Prison Service, for the period commencing on 1st January, 2021 to 14th January, 2021.

Given this 31st day of December, 2020.

**S. MASON
Governor-General**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19)
PROTOCOL (SPECIAL CURFEW) DIRECTIVE, 2020**

WHEREAS by paragraph 15 of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided that the Prime Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer may issue a directive requiring every person to observe such physical distancing and associated protocols in the interest of public health as may be specified;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and the authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer aforesaid I do hereby issue the following Directive for the period from the 1st day of January, 2021 to the 14th day of January, 2021.

1. (1) A curfew is hereby imposed throughout Barbados from midnight on the 31st day of December, 2020 until the 14th day of January, 2021 between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m. each day.
- (2) This Directive shall be read and construed as one with the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Protocol (No. 4) Directive, 2020*, hereinafter referred to as the principal Directive, subject to any provision in this Directive that derogates from the principal Directive, in which case to the extent of the derogation, this Directive shall take precedence over the principal Directive.
- (3) No person, except an employee or member of an essential service, shall leave his residence between midnight and 5:00 a.m. as specified in sub-paragraph (1).

- (4) Every employee or member of an essential service shall have on his person at all times, evidence of his employment or membership, as the case may be, of such a service.
2. With effect from the midnight on the 31st day of December, 2020 until the 14th day of January, 2021, every person and business establishment shall comply with this Directive.
3. During the curfew period specified in paragraph 1(1) the following businesses may remain open
 - (i) fuel manufacturers, fuel storage facilities and fuel distributors and other manufacturing companies;
 - (ii) gasoline stations; and
 - (iii) hotels, villas and other rental accommodation.
4. No person shall host or attend a commercial pleasure cruise or any paid public parties or fetes.
5. All restaurants shall be closed no later than 11:00 p.m.
6. Notwithstanding paragraph 3(2) and 9(1) of the principal Directive, for the duration of this Directive, a person who wishes to host an activity that exceeds 50 persons shall first seek the permission of the Covid-19 Protocol Monitoring Unit, in this Directive referred to as the "Unit", and shall comply with such conditions as the Unit may determine.

7. No group of persons assembling at a beach or in a park shall exceed 50 persons and those persons shall observe the physical distancing protocols unless they are members of the same household.
8. All persons who assemble in public places shall comply with the physical distancing protocols unless they are members of the same household.
9. Any person who contravenes this Directive or fails to comply with any conditions specified by the Unit is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both pursuant to paragraph 15(1) of the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) (No. 3) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 71).
10. The *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Protocol (Special) Directive, 2020*, is hereby revoked.
11. This Directive shall come into effect on the 31st day of December, 2020 and shall cease to have effect on the 14th day of January, 2021.

Made by the Prime Minister this 31st day of December, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY
Prime Minister