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WHEREAS on the 25th day of March 2020 His Excellency, the Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, on the instructions of the Cabinet, did issue a proclamation that a State of Public Emergency had arisen in Antigua and Barbuda as a result of the imminent threat posed by the dangerous infectious disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) to the health and safety of the people of Antigua and Barbuda;

AND WHEREAS this Honourable House by Resolution passed in this House gave its approval to the Proclamation of the State of Public Emergency;

AND WHEREAS section 20 subsection (5) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda provides that— "A Resolution of a House of Parliament passed for the purposes of this section shall remain in force for three months or such shorter period as may be specified therein:

Provided that any such resolution may be extended from time to time by a further such resolution each extension not exceeding three months from the date of the resolution effecting the extension and any such resolution may be revoked at any time by a resolution of that House.

AND WHEREAS this Honourable House has, since March 2020 passed various Resolutions extending the State of Public Emergency as one of the primary tools available to the Government in combatting the spread of the dangerous infectious disease Covid-19;

AND WHEREAS the Government and Antigua and Barbuda now has access to other means to continue the fight against the dangerous infectious disease Covid-19 and these various measures have shown remarkable results;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this parliament in accordance with section 20 subsection (5) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda **HEREBY REVOKE** the Declaration of the State of Public Emergency with effect from the **23rd day of December**, **2021**.

Passed by the House of Representatives this 16th day of December, 2021.

Passed by the Senate on the 22nd day of December, 2021.

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Gerald Watt, Q.C., Speaker.

Alincia Williams-Grant, *President*.

A. Peters,Clerk to the House of Representatives.

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