

Declaration of Provincial State of Emergency by Minister (subsection 12(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*)

Emergency area:

All of the Province of Nova Scotia is or may soon be encountering an emergency that requires prompt action to prevent harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of persons or to prevent damage to property.

Nature of the emergency:

The event of the COVID-19 virus in the Province which has already caused a pandemic and requires the prompt coordinated action or regulation for the protection of property and the health and safety of persons in Nova Scotia.

I have consulted with a quorum of the Executive Council of the Province, as required by subsection 12(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*.

I am satisfied that an emergency, as defined in clause 2(b) of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1990, the *Emergency Management Act*, exists or may exist in the Province.

While under a Provincial state of emergency, I may require any or all of the actions specifically listed under clauses 14(a) to (m) of the *Emergency Management Act*, or anything else I determine is necessary for the protection of property and the health or safety of persons in the Province. These further detailed directions will be issued by me and posted for the public throughout the state of emergency.

This declaration is in addition to and does not replace any Order issued by the Medical Officer of Health under Section 32 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2004, the *Health Protection Act 2004*.

I hereby declare a state of emergency for all of the Province on and after **12:00 pm (noon) on Sunday, March 22, 2020**.

If this declaration is not renewed or terminated earlier, the state of emergency remains in effect until 14 days after the date and time it is declared, which is until **12:00 pm (noon) on Sunday, April 5, 2020**.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 22, 2020.



Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing