On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the attached declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia made by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General on March 18, 2020 is extended for a further period, to the end of the day on April 28, 2020, due to the threat the COVID-19 pandemic poses to the health, safety or welfare of people.
WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic poses a significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia, and threatens to disproportionately impact the most vulnerable segments of society;

AND WHEREAS prompt coordination of action and special regulation of persons or property is required to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of British Columbia, and to mitigate the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on residents, businesses, communities, organizations and institutions throughout the Province of British Columbia.

NOW THEREFORE I declare that a state of emergency exists throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia.