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.

March 18, 2020

Date

March 18, 2020

Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:  Emergency Program Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 9(1)

Other:  

Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

March 18, 2020