Renewal of the public health emergency pursuant to section 119 of the Public Health Act

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WHEREAS the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic on 11 March 2020;

WHEREAS, under section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), the Government may declare a public health emergency in all or part of the territory of Québec where a serious threat to the health of the population, whether real or imminent, requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS the pandemic constitutes a serious and real threat to the health of the population that requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 119 of the Act, the public health emergency declared by the Government is effective for a maximum period of ten days at the expiry of which it may be renewed, as many times as necessary, for a maximum period of ten days or, with the consent of the National Assembly, for a maximum period of 30 days;

WHEREAS, under section 121 of the Act, the public health emergency is effective as soon as it is declared or renewed;

WHEREAS, while the public health emergency is in effect, despite any provision to the contrary, the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services, if the Minister has been so empowered, may, without delay and without further formality, take any of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency and took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS it is expedient to renew the public health emergency for a period of ten days;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health and Social Services:

THAT the public health emergency be renewed until 22 January 2021;

THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services be empowered to take any measure provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2).