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Renewal of the public health emergency in accordance with section 119 of the Public Health Act and certain measures to protect the health of the population

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the first paragraph of section 119 of the Act, the public health emergency declared by the Government is in effect for a maximum period of 10 days, on the expiry of which it may be renewed for additional maximum periods of 10 days or, with the assent of the National Assembly, for maximum periods of 30 days;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 121 of the Act, the declaration of a public health emergency and all renewals come into force as soon as they are expressed;

WHEREAS during the public health emergency, despite any provisions to the contrary, the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services, if she has been so empowered, may, without delay and without further formality, apply one 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 population;

WHEREAS the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020;

WHEREAS, by orders in council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 and 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, the Government took certain measures to protect the population;

WHEREAS, by Ministerial Order 2020-003 dated 14 March 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-005 dated 17 March 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-006 dated 19 March 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-007 dated 21 March 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-008 dated 22 March 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-009 dated 23 March 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-010 dated 27 March 2020 and Ministerial Order 2020-011 dated 28 March 2020, the Minister also took certain measures to protect the population;

WHEREAS it is expedient to renew the public health emergency for a period of 10 days and specify certain measures to protect the population;

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

THAT the public health emergency be renewed until 7 April 2020;

THAT the measures provided for by orders in council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 and 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, and

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THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services is empowered to take any measure provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act.

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