

BELIZE:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F Tzalam", is written over the seal area.

(FROYLA TZALAM)
Governor-General

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY IN THE TOLEDO DISTRICT

By Her Excellency, Dame Froyla Tzalam,
G.C.M.G.,
Governor-General of Belize

(Gazetted 19th May, 2024).

WHEREAS, section 18 (2) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Governor-General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the *Gazette*, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Part II of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (3) of the Belize Constitution provides that, in order to have effect, the proclamation must contain a declaration of the Governor-General that she is satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of any earthquake, hurricane, flood, fire, outbreak of pestilence, outbreak of infectious disease, or other similar calamity;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (4) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made under section 18 (2) may be made so as to apply only to such part of Belize as may be specified in the proclamation;

AND WHEREAS, I am satisfied that a public emergency has arisen in the part of Belize consisting of the villages of San Pedro Columbia, Crique Jute, San Miguel, Mafredi, Na Lum Cah and San Antonio, all in the Toledo District as a result of the occurrence of fire;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (5) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made by the Governor-General for the purposes of and in accordance with section 18 of the Constitution shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month; but may be extended from time to time by a resolution passed by the National Assembly for further periods, not exceeding in respect of each such extension a period of twelve months; and may be revoked at any time by a resolution of the National Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FROYLA TZALAM, Governor-General of Belize, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the above mentioned provisions of the Belize Constitution and otherwise, **Do Hereby Declare And Proclaim** that effective May 19th 2024.–

- (a) a public emergency exists in the villages of San Pedro Columbia, Crique Jute, San Miguel, Mafredi, Na Lum Cah and San Antonio, all in the Toledo District;
- (b) this Proclamation shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force until the National Emergency Management Organization declares that there is no longer any fire or fire threat, but which period shall not exceed one month, but may be for such longer period, not exceeding twelve months, as may be determined by resolution passed by the National Assembly.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Belize this **19th day of May, 2024.**

GOD SAVE BELIZE!!