



**Declaration blong President blong Republic to the people of the  
Republic of Vanuatu**

**in relation to the State of Emergency,**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

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**Hon. Caretaker Prime Minister – Charlot Salwai Tabimasmass;**

**Hon. Caretaker Ministers;**

**Head of Diplomatic Corps mo ol narafala High Commissioners mo Ambassadors  
blong ol different country long Vanuatu;**

**President blong ol Provinces;**

**Lord Mayors;**

**Ol Pastors wetem ol Chiefs;**

**Ol business Houses;**

**Ol fellow citizen mo residents blong Vanuatu mo olgeta we oli live inside mo outside  
long Vanuatu.**

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Olsem President blong Republic blong Vanuatu hemi wan obligation mo duty blong mi blong  
mekem sua se health mo safety blong ol family blong yumi, Community blong yumi mo  
population blong Vanuatu i stap safe oltaem.

Corona Virus we yumi callem COVID-19, hemi kam wan global pandemic, we today follem ol work blong National Taskforce mo National Disasta Management Office (NDMO) tru long ol advisories I mekem se Hon. Caretaker Prime Minister hemi mas kam mekem Two Public Statement blong assurim ol people long ol status blong country long relation blong COVID-19.

Follem progress blong COVID-19 long region moo I different meeting mo consultation we I bin tekem place long past weeks, National Disasta Comity (NDC) hemi bin sidaon mo advisem DCO mo COM long ol pssible measures we I nid blong yumi mas tekem quick taem. Follem ol report report mo analysis, Council blong olgeta Minister I bin acceptem mo recommendem I kam long ofis blong mi blong gat wan State of Emergency, long Article blong Constitution 69 (b) long Constitution, we I givim mi power blong declarem.

Therefore, Mi olsem President blong Republic blong Vanuatu, mi stap Declarem State of Emergency Order No. of 2020 mo bai mi riddim olsem we I stao long English:

*In exercise of the power conferred on me by paragraph 69 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu, I, His Excellency Ps. Obed Moses Tallis TEMAR NE WERE, President of the Republic of Vanuatu on the advice of the Council of Ministers make the following orders:*

**1. Declaration of State of Emergency**

*Due to the outbreak of the virus COVID-19 in certain countries within the Pacific Region, a State of Emergency is declared throughout the whole of Vanuatu.*

**2. Period of State of Emergency**

*This Declaration of State of Emergency is for a period of 2 weeks from the date on which this Order commences.*

**3. Commencement**

*This Declaration of State of Emergency commences on the day on which it is made.*

Follem declaration blong State blong Emergency, mi wandem askem yumi everywan I stap quiet mo comply long ol different regulation o rules we bamabi I formem bases blong declaration ia we Hon, Caretaker Prime Minister bai I signem.

Yumi acceptem we situation ia hemi wan kritikol wan, therefore, mi stap askem long yumi everywan I remain calm mo yumi mas pray.

Hem i wan taem blong tanem tingting blong yumi blong luk save wanem i really important long life blong Nation ia, we hemi human resource blong hem– Ol piknini, ol family, community blong yumi mo ol neighbours blong yumi gat wan healthy-livelihood insaed long Nation ia Republic blong Vanuatu.

Mi wantem remindem yumi everi citizens blong Vanuatu blong yumi mas stanap long Moto blong Country blong yumi especially long olsem situation blong today: *“LONG GOD YUMI STAPNAP”. Buk blong 1Peter 5: vs 6 mo 7 i talem olsem “Humble yourselves, therefore, under Gods mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”*

Mi stap askem every Christains long Vanuatu blong yumi pray from protection blong yumi mo nara countries we oli stap long situation blong yumi.

Thank yu mo God i blessem yufala everiwan. God i blesem Republic blong Vanuatu.