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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020 AT 1:00 PM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

Chief Executive Officer, HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams

Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson

Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rodgers Chief Education Officer, Mr Bren Romney

PS, Home Affairs & Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake

PS, Public Administration, Mrs Kathleen Rogers

PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan

PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin

PS, Infrastructure, Communications and Utilities, Mr Karim Hodge

ABSENT: Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

EX MIN 20/118 **UPDATE ON COV19-VIRUS**

The following persons attended:

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradlev PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin Chief Executive Officer, HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson

Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rodgers

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Further to EX MIN 20/117 of 12 March, the Executive Council of Anguilla convened a special meeting to consider the state of play as it relates to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Anguilla has been fortunate to have no known cases of COVID-19. Considering the safety and wellbeing of all residents of Anguilla, Council agreed as follows:

- (i) effective Friday 20 March at 11:59 pm direct private jet travel originating in any European country will be banned for the next 14 days;
- (ii) a ban on direct private flights from the US originating from areas experiencing widespread community transmission (e.g. NYC, California, Washington State, Washington D.C. area) is under active consideration:
- (iii) passengers originating from Europe, transiting through the Dominican Republic, St. Kitts and Antigua will be quarantined for fourteen (14) days;
- (iv) mass gatherings which have the tendency to attract an international audience will be deferred for the next 60 days. Unfortunately, this would apply to all the activities slated for Easter (e.g. Festival Del Mar). Local gatherings can continue at this time; however, if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in Anguilla, this ban will then extend to local gatherings including school, churches, political meetings, sporting events etc.
- travel advisories will continue to be issued to persons in Anguilla to avoid travel overseas at this (v) time. Further, all non-essential travel for public servants has been suspended for 30 days;
- the Ministry of Health does not advise closure of schools at this time or the banning of local (vi) gatherings due to the fact that the virus is not known to be present in Anguilla at this time, and there is no local transmission and no community transmission of the disease;
- (vii) Belongers of Anguilla returning from Europe will be quarantined for a period of fourteen (14) davs:
- cruise vessels with passengers who have been to Europe (or other areas with community spread) (viii) in the last 2 weeks will be denied entry into Anguilla for the time being or face mandatory

- quarantine upon the vessel while in Anguilla waters with no physical interaction with local persons or agents; and
- (ix) emphasis on social distancing for older persons and persons with underlying chronic conditions should continue. There should be no handshakes/physical greetings and remaining away from large crowds.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HSD
