

# CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT

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THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE,  
(Act No. 6 of 1991)

## PROCLAMATION, 2024

WHEREAS by subsection (1) of section 29 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991) it is provided that whenever in the opinion of the President a state of public emergency has commenced, the President may at any time, by Proclamation which shall be published in the Gazette, declare that a situation exists which, if allowed to continue, may lead to a state of emergency in any part or the whole of Sierra Leone;

WHEREAS the drug and substance abuse, particularly the devastating synthetic drug; Kush, is a public health emergency of national concern;

WHEREAS the continuing and rapid national spread of drug and substance abuse, particularly the devastating synthetic drug; Kush, poses immense risk, deterioration and an alarming mortality rate of young people in Sierra Leone;

WHEREAS the situation requires effective measures to prevent, protect and curtail the destructive spread and consequences of drug and substance abuse, particularly the devastating synthetic drug; Kush in Sierra Leone;

Now, THEREFORE, I RTD. BRIG. JULIUS MAADA BIO, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Supreme Head of State, Grand Commander of the Order of the Republic and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Sierra Leone having regard to the threat that drug and substance abuse, particularly the devastating synthetic drug; Kush poses to the lives of the young people and the national development of Sierra Leone, and the need to drug and substance abuse, particularly the devastating synthetic drug; Kush throughout Sierra Leone, Do HEREBY by this Proclamation declare that a State of Public Emergency exists in the whole of the Republic of Sierra Leone with effect from the 4th day of April, 2024 for a period of 12 months.

MADE THIS 9th day of April, 2024.

HIS EXCELLENCY JULIUS MAADA BIO,

*President,*