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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 the drug and substance abuse, particularly the devastating synthetic drug; Kush, poses immense risk to young people in Sierra Leone;

WHEREAS the situation requires effective measures to prevent and curtail the destructive spread and consequences of the 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 the 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 address the drug and substance abuse, 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 17th day of April, 2024 for a period of 12 months.

MADE THIS 17th day of April, 2024.

HIS EXCELLENCY JULIUS MAADA BIO,

President,