GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 5

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RELIEF ACT

(CAP. 33:05)

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RELIEF (CORONA VIRUS AND COVID-19) (DISASTER DECLARATION) ORDER, 2021

WHEREAS, Malawi begun to register increased numbers of new cases of Covid-19 in December, 2020 and the pandemic is continuing to spread rapidly;

AND WHEREAS, considering the magnitude and severity of the outbreak and taking into account the need to augment the existing measures by various stakeholders to deal with the pandemic, it has become necessary to invoke the provisions of section 32 of the Act in order to secure the safety and protection of persons;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 32(1) of the Act, I, DR. LAZARUS MCCARTHY CHAKWERA, President of the Republic of Malawi, do hereby declare as follows—

1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Preparedness and Relief (Corona Virus and Covid-19)(Disaster Declaration) Order, 2021. Citation

2. There is hereby declared a state of national disaster and, from the date hereof, the provisions of section 32 of the Act with respect to the disaster shall come into force in respect of all the districts of the country and shall apply to the exigencies arising from the Corona Virus and Covid-19 situation in the country. Declaration

Dated this 12th day of January, 2021.

L. M. CHAKWERA
President

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