

TO WHOM ALL THESE PRESENTS MAY CONCERN:

FIRE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS subsection 24(1) of the *Forests Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 179, authorizes the Minister of the Department of Lands and Forestry, whenever the Minister deems it necessary for the protection of the woods, by proclamation to prohibit the setting of fires for any purpose in woods or within one thousand feet of the woods in any part or parts of the Province during the period specified in the proclamation;

AND WHEREAS the *Forests Act* defines woods to include forest land and rock barren, brush land, dry marsh, bog and muskeg;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Lands and Forestry now deems it necessary for the protection of the woods to make such a proclamation;

NOW THEREFORE the Minister of Lands and Forestry, pursuant to Section 24(1) of the *Forests Act*, prohibits the setting of fires for any purposes in woods or within one thousand feet of woods in all counties in Nova Scotia, during a period to commence at 2 pm on March 23, 2020 and ending at 2 pm on May 15, 2020, unless and until:

- (a) the Minister announces a particular day to be a burn day or a restricted burn day as set out under Section 3 of the *Forest Fire Protection Regulations*; or
- (b) this Proclamation is revoked by further notice.

ANY PERSON who contravenes this proclamation shall be liable to prosecution by virtue of the provisions of subsection 36(1) of the *Forests Act*.

DATED at Halifax in the County of Halifax, this 23rd day of March, 2020.

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT
OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA**



**HONOURABLE IAIN RANKIN
MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF LANDS AND FORESTRY**