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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS (AMENDMENT) ORDER MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UNDER SECTION 72 OF THE MONTSERRAT CONSTITUTION ORDER (CAP. 01.01).

#### 1. Citation and commencement

This Order may be cited as the Legislative Assembly Standing Orders (Amendment) Order.

### 2. Interpretation

In this Order "**principal Order**" means the Legislative Assembly Standing Orders (Cap 01.01).

### 3. Paragraph 4A inserted

The principal Order is amended by inserting the following as paragraph 4A:

#### "Electronic Meetings

- **4A.** (1) Despite any provision to the contrary—
  - (a) if a period of public emergency has been declared; or
  - (b) if it is impracticable for the members of the Legislative Assembly to meet in a physical place,

the Premier may, after consultation with the leader of the Opposition, make a written request to the Speaker for a meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held through the use of electronic means.

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- (2) If the Speaker is satisfied that the circumstances under subparagraph (1)(a) or (b) exists, the Speaker shall call a meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held through the use of a video conferencing, teleconferencing or other electronic format that allows each member of the Legislative Assembly to participate by telephone, video or other electronic means and which allows each member participating in the meeting to hear and see each other.
- (3) A Standing Order that conflicts with subparagraph (1) and (2) is suspended."

Made by the Legislative Assembly this 19th day of May, 2020.

(Sgd.) Teresena Bodkin SPEAKER

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(Sgd.) Marjorie Smith CLERK OF CABINET