



## GOBERNACIÓN

Departamento Archipiélago de San Andrés,  
Providencia y Santa Catalina  
*Reserva de Biosfera Scaflowier*  
NIT: 892400038-2

DECREE NUMBER 0124 - - - /  
( 3 MAR 2020 )

"By which the holding of mass influx events is prohibited as a preventive measure for public health reasons"

The Governor of the Departmental Archipelago of San Andrés, Providence and Santa Catalina, in exercise of his Constitutional and legal powers, especially those conferred by Articles 303 and 305 Constitutional, in Article 91 of Law 136 of 1994 and modified by Article 29 of Law 1551 of 2012, Law 1801 of 2016, Law 47 of 1993, and

### CONSIDERING

That Article 2 of the Political Constitution of Colombia establishes that the purpose of the state is to serve the community and ensure peaceful coexistence; in the same manner, it establishes that the authorities of the Republic are instituted to protect all individuals residing in Colombia, in their life, honor, property, beliefs, and other rights and freedoms, and to ensure compliance with the social duties of the State and of individuals.

That Article 218 of the Colombian Political Constitution establishes as the primary purpose of the police to maintain the necessary conditions for the exercise of public rights and freedoms, and to ensure that the inhabitants of Colombia live in peace.

That Article 303 of the National Constitution establishes that in each of the Departments there will be a Governor who will be the head of the Sectional Administration and legal representative of the Department; the Governor will be the agent of the President of the Republic for the maintenance of public order and for the execution of the general economic policy, as well as for those matters that through agreements the Nation agrees with the Department.

That in accordance with Article 305 of the Political Constitution, it corresponds to the Governor "To direct and coordinate the administrative action of the Department and act on his behalf as manager and promoter of the integral development of his territory, in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws; To direct and coordinate the national services under the conditions of the delegation conferred by the President of the Republic." Likewise, the 1991 Constitution broadened this concept and also determined, clearly, that the President, Governors and Mayors are responsible for the "management of public order" in their respective jurisdictions, which includes, of course, the safety of citizens against any event that may affect their lives, integrity, property and honor.

The new Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been classified by the World Health Organization as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). Cases have been identified on all continents and the first case in Colombia was confirmed on March 6.

Que el coronavirus (COVID-19) es un virus que causa infección respiratoria aguda IRA, que puede llegar a ser leve, moderada o grave, que se transmite produce cuando una persona enferma tose o estornuda y expulsa partículas del virus que entran en contacto con otras personas.

That the coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that causes acute respiratory infection ARI, which can be mild, moderate or severe, which is transmitted when a sick person coughs or sneezes and expels virus particles that comes into contact with others.

There is currently no specific treatment or proven vaccine for any coronavirus. Treatment is symptomatic and if required, management is carried out according to the severity of the patient.

That in order to prevent and control the spread of the Coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) in the insular territory, and protect the public health of the population of San Andres Island, it is necessary to adopt preventive sanitary measures regarding the agglomeration of public in mass influx events.

That, in San Andres Island, the Government of the Departmental Archipelago has defined to adopt preventive sanitary measures so that massive influx events with a planned congregation are suspended and no permit will be granted until the declaration of sanitary emergency is eliminated, issued by the President of the Republic, Ivan Duque, that will go until May 30<sup>th</sup> of this present year.

That, base on the above, it is

### DECREE

**FIRST ARTICLE:** Prohibit mass influx events in San Andres Island until the public health conditions adopted in order to prevent and control the spread of the Coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) is allowed.

**SECOND ARTICLE:** The present Decree is in force as of the date of issue.

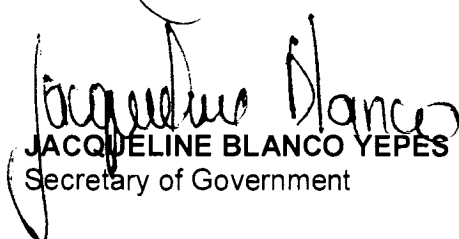
Given in San Andres Island, on **13 MAR 2020**

Therefore be it.



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**JACQUELINE BLANCO YEPES**  
Secretary of Government

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