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IN terms of section 27(2) of the Civil Protection Act [Chapter 10:06], His Excellency the President hereby declares as follows: —

#### 1. Title

This notice may be cited as the Civil Protection (Declaration of State of Disaster: Rural and Urban Areas of Zimbabwe) (COVID-19) Notice, 2020.

#### 2. Interpretation

In this notice —

“**COVID-19**” means the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCov), which is an infectious disease caused by a virus which, having emerged during 2019, was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation on the 11th March, 2020;

“**urban area**” means any area which is —

- (a) a municipal area, town area or local government area; or
- (b) a town ward of a rural district council or an area declared to be a specified area in terms of the Rural District Councils Act [Chapter 29:13]’, or
- (c) a township as defined in the Land Survey Act [Chapter 20:12]’;

“**rural area**” means any area outside an urban area.

#### 3. Declaration of state of disaster

In the wake of the declaration by the World Health Organisation of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, a state of disaster exists in all rural and urban areas in Zimbabwe with effect from promulgation of this notice.