## SUSPENSION OF ABSENTEE VOTING ORDER

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There is an outbreak of Coronavirus which on the 11th March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared to be a pandemic; there are more than 155,506,494 confirmed cases globally and more than 3,247,228 people have died; Coronavirus has, to date, reached 235 countries, areas or territories, and it is therefore necessary to take measures to prevent, mitigate and control the spread of Coronavirus in Gibraltar;

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by regulation 35(4) of the Referendum (Voting) Regulations 2021, the Chief Minister, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, with regard the referendum being held on Thursday 24 June 2021 on the question "Should the Crimes (Amendment) Act 2019, that defines the circumstances which would allow abortion in Gibraltar, come into force?", has suspended the application of Part 4 of the Regulations in which event absentee voting shall not be permitted.

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

F R PICARDO, Chief Minister.