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PRESS RELEASE

BELIZE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE: COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION MEASURES

Belmopan City – **Monday 23rd March 2020**: In an effort to mitigate risk and to ensure the health and safety of its staff and the public amid the looming circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic in line with recommendations from the Ministry of Health, the Belize Archives and Records Service hereby informs the general public of the following:

- Urgent research requiring a visit to the Department will be limited and granted by appointment only.
- After screening, only two members of the public will be allowed inside the Research Room at any given time.
- Only urgent requests for documents from the public will be taken via e-mail.
- The Department is unable to undertake substantive research for clients via e-mail.
- Requests for in-person records management services and assistance are suspended until further notice.

These measures shall be with immediate effect for an initial two (2) weeks (23^{rd} March $2020 - 3^{rd}$ April 2020) with the possibility of additional actions if the situation so dictates. The Department thanks the public for its understanding and cooperation. It will provide updates via its Facebook page and other media as the situation evolves.

For more information and to make an appointment kindly contact the Belize Archives and Records Service at Tel: 822-2247 or 2097 or by email: info@archives.gov.bz.

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