

## **THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT**

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### **THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (DECLARATION OF DISASTER AREA) (HURRICANE MELISSA) ORDER, 2025**

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**WHEREAS** section 26(1) of the Disaster Risk Management Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act) provides that where the Office reports to the Minister that any part of Jamaica appears to be threatened with or affected by a natural or anthropogenic hazard and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Act should be taken promptly, the Minister shall give written notice thereof to the Prime Minister:

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and emergency management gave written notice to the Prime Minister that Jamaica appeared to be threatened with a hazard, namely the passage of Hurricane Melissa, and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Act should be taken promptly:

**AND WHEREAS** on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, the Prime Minister made the Disaster Risk Management (Declaration of Threatened Area) (Tropical Storm Melissa) Order, 2025:

**AND WHEREAS** Tropical Storm Melissa has since developed into a hurricane and the Prime Minister is satisfied that a disaster is occurring and that extraordinary measures are required to prevent or minimize –

- (a) loss of life, prejudice to the safety, or harm to the health, of persons;
- (b) destruction of, or damage to, property; or
- (c) destruction of or damage to, any part of the environment:

#### **NOW THEREFORE:**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Prime Minister by section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, the following Order is hereby made:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Declaration of Disaster Area) (Hurricane Melissa) Order, 2025.

2. The whole of Jamaica is hereby declared to be a disaster area.
3. The Disaster Risk Management (Declaration of Threatened Area) (Tropical Storm Melissa) Order, 2025, is revoked.

Dated this 28th day of

October , 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Holness', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Prime Minister