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The Honourable Raj Chouhan
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please find below a report regarding the *COVID-19 (Provincial Court Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulation* made on May 25, 2021 under the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, SBC 2020, c. 8 (CRMA). This report is presented pursuant to subsection 4 (2) of the CRMA.

Subsection 4 (4) of the CRMA requires that this report be laid before the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible. Fellow Members of the Legislative Assembly have expressed to me their desire that, despite the Legislative Assembly not currently sitting, reports made under Section 4 of the CRMA be distributed to them by your office as soon as is possible.

This regulation repeals item 7 in Schedule 1 to CRMA (the *COVID-19 (Provincial Court Proceedings) Regulation*), makes the *COVID-19 (Provincial Court Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulation*, and adds that regulation as item 32 in Schedule 2 to CRMA. The regulation provides authority for the Chief Judge or Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court, only where it is reasonably necessary to do so as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or for consistency with COVID-19 public health advisories, to give directions or make orders relating to (1) how specific proceedings may be conducted including audioconference, videoconference or by written submission; (2) service, delivery, filing or submission of materials relating to proceedings; and (3) how a hearing or determination for specific procedure may be conducted.

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This regulation makes item 32 effective from May 17, 2021 until CRMA is repealed.

Members may direct any questions to me in respect of this report and the effects of the attached regulation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Eby', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC
Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing

Attachment