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PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Proclamations & C., by the President

PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

WHEREAS the premises of the Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu situated in the Divisional Secretary's Division in the District of Mannar in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka is highly venerated by Catholic devotees in Sri Lanka and the world over, And whereas the Shrine of our Lady Madhu has been proclaimed an Urban Development area by *Gazette Notification* No. 2145/55 dated 19.10.2019 under Section 6(2)(b) and 21(2)(b) of the Town and Country Planning Ordinance No. 13 of 1946 aimed at providing the full range of facilities required to ensure the convenience of the devotees visiting to pay homage at the Shirne of Our Lady of Madhu.

And whereas Madhu pilgrimage regulations have been promulgated by *Gazette Notification* No. 185 dated 19th March 1982 under Pilgrimages Ordinance No. 13 of 1896 with the view of providing the opportunity for the hundreds of thousand of people visiting the Madhu Pilgrims' area during the said Madhu Pilgrims' season to stay in without their having to undergo difficulties.

And, in conformity with the aforesaidn regulations and emphazing the fact that the said extent of land should be utilized subject to the provisions enforced by the Acts: Conservation Ordinance No. 10 of 1885, Flora and Fauna Protection Ordinance No. 2 of 1937 and the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980. Since the aforesaid extent of land falls within boundaries of the Madhu Road Forest Reservation proclaimed by *Gazette Notification* No. 1779/15 dated 10.10.2012 and the Madhu Road National Park proclaimed by *Gazette Notification* No. 1920/3 dated 22.06.2015.



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I do by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 32(2)(h) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka proclaim the extent of land set out in the first schedule as an area of veneration for the religious well-being of the hundreds of thousand of Catholic devotees who visit to pay homage at the Holy Shrine of our Lady of Madhu.

Given at Colombo, on this 11th day of November Two Thousand and Nineteen.

By Order of His Excellency,

UDAYA R. SENEVIRATNE, Secretary to the President.

Schedule 01

The allotment of land of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka situated in the village of Madhu in the Grama Niladhari's Division of Madhu in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Madhu in the District of Mannar in the Northern Province and depicted as Lots Nos. A, B, C, D, E and F in the Tracing No. Ma/MDU/2018/185 prepared by the Surveyor General.

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