

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE

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| THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE | ) |                                  |
|                              | ) | SUNDAY, THE 15 <sup>th</sup> DAY |
| LISE MAISONNEUVE             | ) |                                  |
|                              | ) | OF MARCH, 2020.                  |
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ORDER

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 85 OF THE *PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT***  
**EXTENDING CERTAIN TIME PERIODS UNDER THE *PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT***  
**FOR PROCEEDINGS IN THE ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE**

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**WHEREAS**, public health officials have recommended that measures be taken to reduce the amount of time individuals spend in large crowds or in crowded spaces to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in a community.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Ontario Court of Justice is taking steps to reduce the number of individuals who attend *Provincial Offences Act* Courts by adjourning all *Provincial Offences Act* matters scheduled for Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 3, 2020.

**AND WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic will disrupt the ability of defendants to attend court and the availability of *Provincial Offences Act* court services.

**THIS COURT ORDERS** that, pursuant to section 85 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, the time limits for proceedings in the Ontario Court of Justice prescribed under *Provincial Offences Act* in sections 5(6), 5.1(b), 5.1(12), 9(1)(a), 11(1), 11(4), 17.1(6.1), 18(1), 18.1(5), 18.2(1), 18.3(1), 19, 66(1), 69(1), 116(2)(a), 116(3) and 135(2) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and under sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the *Rules of the Ontario Court (General Division) and the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Appeals Under Section 116 of the Provincial Offences Act*, O. Reg. 723/94, are extended to April 23, 2020.

**THE COURT ALSO ORDERS** any order previously given extending a time period in a matter beyond April 23, 2020 is still in effect.

**THIS COURT FURTHER ORDERS** that this Order be posted in a visible place in all court offices dealing with *Provincial Offences Act* matters in the province of Ontario as soon as practicable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lise Maisonneuve", is written over a horizontal line.

Lise Maisonneuve

Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice