



MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION

No. 358-2020

MARTHA VERÓNICA REYES ÁLVAREZ, Minister of Health, in use of the powers conferred to me by Presidential Agreement No. 34-2020, Published in La Gaceta, Official Gazette No. 63, dated April 1, two thousand and twenty; Law No. 290 "**Law of Organization, Competition and Procedures of the Executive Power with Incorporated Reforms**", Published in "La Gaceta", Official Gazette, No. 35 of February twenty-two of year two thousand and thirteen, Decree No. 25-2006 "**Reforms and Additions to Decree No. 71-98, Administrative by Laws of Law No. 290, "Law of Organization, Competition and Procedures of the Executive Power"**", published in "La Gaceta", Official Gazette, Nos. 91 and 92 of May eleven and twelve of the year two thousand and six, respectively, Law

No. 423 "**General Health Law**", Published in "La Gaceta", Official Gazette, No. 91 of May 17, 2002; and Decree No. 001-2003, "**Administrative by Laws of the General Health Law**", published in "La Gaceta" Diario Oficial, Nos. 7 and 8 of January 10 and 13 of the year two thousand and three, respectively.

CONSIDERING:

I

That the **Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua**, in its art. 59, relevant sections, establishes that: "Nicaraguans, equally, have the right to health. The State shall establish the basic conditions for their promotion, protection, recovery and rehabilitation. It corresponds to the State to direct and organize health services and action programs".

II

That Law No. 290, "**Law of Organization, Competition and Procedures of the Executive Power**", in its art. 26,

literals b), d) and e), establishes that the Ministry of Health is responsible for: "b) Coordinating and directing the execution of the State's health policy regarding health promotion, protection, recovery and rehabilitation; d) Organize and direct preventive and curative health programs, services and actions and promote the participation of social organizations in its defense; and e) To direct and administer the system of supervision and control of health policies and standards".

III

That Law No. 423 "**General Health Law**", in its Article 1, Purpose of the Law, establishes that its purpose is "to protect the right of every person to enjoy, preserve and recover their health, in harmony with what is established in the legal provisions and special rules, and that for this purpose will regulate: a) The principles, rights and obligations in relation to health, and b) The actions of health promotion, prevention, recovery and rehabilitation."

IV

That Law No. 423 "**General Health Law**", in its Article 2, Competent body, establishes that "The Ministry of Health is the competent body to apply, supervise, control and evaluate compliance with this Law and its Regulations; as well as to prepare, approve, apply, supervise and evaluate technical norms, formulate policies, plans, programs, projects, manuals and instructions that are necessary for their application. "Likewise, in Article 4, Stewardship, it states that: "It corresponds to the Ministry of Health, as the governing body of the Sector, the coordination, organization, supervision, inspection, control, regulation, ordering and monitoring of health actions, without prejudice to the functions that it must exercise vis-à-vis the institutions that make up the health sector, in accordance with the provisions of the special legal provisions"; and Decree No. 001-2003, "**Administrative by Laws of the General Health Law**", in its Article 19, numeral 17, which establishes:" Article 19.- To exercise its functions, the MINSA will carry out the following activities: 17. Prepare national policies, plans, programs, projects, and manuals on

public health in all its aspects, promotion, health protection, prevention, and cooperation, disease control, financing and insurance."

V

Nicaragua is a State Party to the International Health Regulations (2005), which was approved in Resolution WHA 58.3 of the World Health Assembly, the purpose of which is: To prevent the spread, control and provide a public

health response that is proportionate and restricted to risks to public health, while avoiding unnecessary interference with international trade and traffic.

VI

That by means of Ministerial Resolution No. 346-2020, dated July 13 of the year two thousand and twenty, the strengthening of the epidemiological control of diseases under

international surveillance, including respiratory diseases, is established at all points of entry into the country.

Therefore, this Authority,

RESOLVES:

FIRST: Reform Ministerial Resolution No. 346-2020, dated July 13 of the year two thousand and twenty, in its operative part, first paragraph, which must read:

To strengthen the epidemiological control of diseases under international surveillance, including respiratory diseases at all entry points, the following measures will be taken into account:

a) Request travelers present a negative test result: Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for COVID-19, carried out in a period not exceeding 72 hours preceding entry into the country.

b) If the travelers come from Asia, Africa and Oceania, the negative test result: Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for COVID-19, must have been carried out in a period of up to 96 hours at the time of your entry into the country.

c) Non-national travelers with fever or respiratory symptoms may not enter the country.

d) National travelers who have fever or respiratory symptoms may enter the country, but they required to quarantine at home,

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complying with the protocols established by the country.

e) Travelers, whom upon admission present a negative test result: Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for COVID-19 and who do not present any respiratory symptoms, may have free mobility in the country and will be contacted by health personnel who will follow-up on them by telephone, for a period of fourteen days.

SECOND: The rest of the content of Ministerial Resolution No. 346-2020, dated July 13 of the year two thousand and twenty, remains in effect and is legally binding.

THIRD: This Ministerial Resolution takes effect as of today and it will be communicated to all concerned parties.



Given in the city of Managua, on the twenty second day of the month of July of the year two thousand and twenty.

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Minister of Health

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