Declaration of Operational Service for the Purposes of the Veterans' Support Act 2014

In accordance with section 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 ("the Act"), I hereby give the following notice.

Notice

1. I declare:

- service with the United Nations in South Lebanon and the air space above it on or after 1 January 1978 to be operational service for the purposes of the Act until declared otherwise;
- service with the United Nations in the Syrian Arab Republic and the air space above it on or after 1 January 1974 to be operational service for the purposes of the Act until declared otherwise;
- service with the United Nations in the State of Israel and the air space above it on or after 30 June 2003 to 27 November 2008 to be operational service for the purposes of the Act; and
- that this declaration supersedes the declarations of emergency status made under the War Pension Act 1954 for service with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, which were made by the Honourable Judith Collins in 2009.
- 2. All members of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), and any person seconded to the NZDF with the permission of the Chief of Defence Force, covered by this declaration shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.
- 3. I am satisfied that there is a significant risk of harm to those that undertake this service, as required by the Act.

Dated this 6th day of August 2015.

Hon CRAIG FOSS, Minister of Veterans' Affairs.

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