

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"),

1. I declare operational service:

- performed in the Arab Republic of Egypt, from 1 January 2024 up to and including 31 January 2025, to be operational service under the Act.

***The Arab Republic of Egypt** – The territory of the Arab Republic of Egypt is located in the northeast corner of the continent of Africa. Egypt's territory to the north is confined to the Mediterranean Sea coast central to which is that of the Nile delta. It extends to the west to the western border with the State of Libya and then to the southern border with the Republic of Sudan, which includes the disputed Hala'ib triangle in the southeast corner along the Red Sea coast. Egypt's territory includes the Red Sea coast north of Sudan, including the Sinai Peninsula (incorporating the Suez Canal) and along the west coast of the Gulf of Aqaba/Eilat. It then follows the land border with Israel and then to a smaller extent with the Palestine Territory of Gaza to the Mediterranean coast.*

2. This declaration covers:

- members of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) serving with the NZDF;
- members of the NZDF on secondment with the armed forces of other nations; and
- any person seconded to the NZDF with the permission of the Chief of Defence Force.

3. The persons covered by this declaration shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

4. I am satisfied that there was a significant risk of harm to those that undertook this service, as required by the Act.



Hon CHRIS PENK, Minister for Veterans

Dated this 24 day of June 2026