

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 State of Israel, from 14 May 2021 up to and including 30 September 2026, to be operational service under the Act.

State of Israel – *The geographic area of Israel includes all of the sovereign territory defined by the boundaries with neighbouring states through currently recognised agreements as at the date this declaration was made.*

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