

*Assumption of the Administration of the Government of New Zealand by The Right Honourable Sir Ronald Keith Davison, Chief Justice*

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Ronald Davison, Administrator of the Government

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George V was graciously pleased, by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and bearing date at Westminster the 11th day of May 1917, to constitute the office of the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand: And whereas Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was pleased, by a Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Seal of New Zealand, bearing date at Saint James's the 13th day of October 1977, to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Keith Jacka Holyoake, to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand during Her Majesty's pleasure: And whereas His late Majesty King George V was pleased, by a Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet bearing date at Saint James's the 23rd day of July 1917, amongst other things, to appoint the Chief Justice of New Zealand for the time being to administer the Government thereof in the case of the death, incapacity, or removal, or of the departure from New Zealand of the Governor-General appointed under the said Letters Patent, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted by the said Letters Patent: And whereas it has pleased Her Majesty to revoke the Commission appointing the said Right Honourable Sir Keith Jacka Holyoake, to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand with effect from the close of the 27th day of October 1980.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Sir Ronald Keith Davison, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of New Zealand, hereby proclaim and declare that I have this day taken the oaths prescribed by the said Letters Patent before the Right Honourable Sir Clifford Parris Richmond, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, President of the Court of Appeal, and that I have assumed the administration of the Government of New Zealand under and by virtue of His late Majesty's said Commission.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, and issued under the Seal of New Zealand this 28th day of October 1980.

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R. D. MULDOON, Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!