Commission Appointing The Most Reverend Sir Paul Alfred Reeves G.C.M.G. to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved The Most Reverend Sir Paul Alfred Reeves, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

GREETING!

I. We do by this Our Commission under the Seal of New Zealand, appoint you, The Most Reverend Sir Paul Alfred Reeves, to be, during Our pleasure, Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

II. And We do hereby authorise and empower you to exercise the powers and authorities conferred on Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief by Our Letters Patent under the Seal of New Zealand bearing date the 28th day of October 1983 and constituting the office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand, or by any other Letters Patent altering, amending, or substituting for the same.

III. And do hereby command you to do and execute those powers and authorities according to—

(a) The tenor of the said Letters Patent and of this Our Commission; and

(b) Such laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force in Our Realm of New Zealand or in any part thereof.

IV. And We do hereby declare that this Our Commission shall take effect on the 20th day of November 1985.
V. We do hereby direct—

(a) That you shall, as soon as convenient after this Our Commission takes effect, and before entering on any of the duties of the office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief, cause this Our Commission to be publicly read in accordance with clause V of the said Letters Patent; and

(b) That you shall, immediately after this Our Commission has been so publicly read, take, as required by the said Letters Patent,—

(i) The Oath of Allegiance; and

(ii) The Oath for the due execution of the office of Governor-General.

VI. We do hereby direct and enjoin Our Ministers of the Crown and other Officers, and all other inhabitants of the Realm of New Zealand, to take notice of this Our Commission and to comply accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's and issued under the Seal of New Zealand, this 7th day of November 1985, in the thirty-fourth year of Our Reign.

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By Her Majesty's Command.

DAVID LANGE,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.
Assumption of the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand by The Most Reverend Sir Paul Alfred Reeves, G.C.M.G.

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was graciously pleased, by a Commission passed under the Seal of New Zealand, bearing date at Saint James's the 7th day of November 1985 to appoint me, The Most Reverend Sir Paul Alfred Reeves, to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand.

Now, therefore, I, the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief aforesaid, hereby proclaim and declare that I have this day taken the prescribed oaths before the Right Honourable Sir Ronald Keith Davison, Chief Justice of New Zealand, and that I have assumed the said Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand under and by virtue of Her Majesty's said Commission.

Given under the hand of His Excellency The Most Reverend Sir Paul Alfred Reeves, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Principal Companion of The Queen's Service Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of New Zealand, this 20th day of November 1985.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!