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**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

*GREETING:*

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to persons who have given humanitarian service in hazardous circumstances outside Australia;

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, institute a medal to be called the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal;

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal is governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Australia at Our Court at St James's on

16<sup>th</sup> April 1999

By Her Majesty's Command,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Howard', written in a cursive style.

Prime Minister