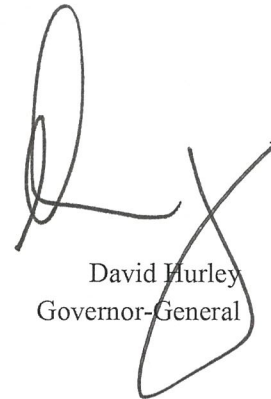




Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (British Columbia II) Declaration 2020

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, make the following declaration.

Dated *27 March* 2020



David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



Ben Morton
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (British Columbia II) Declaration 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day this instrument is made.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under regulations 3, 4 and 5 of the *Humanitarian Overseas Medal Regulations 2011*, being the Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 23 October 2011, as amended by Letters Patent dated 18 January 2013 and 30 March 2015.

4 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations 2011*, including the following:

- (a) dangerous circumstances;
- (b) humanitarian service.

- (1) In this instrument:

declared operation means the operation referred to in section 5.

Regulations means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations 2011*, being the Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 23 October 2011, as amended by Letters Patent dated 18 January 2013 and 30 March 2015.

- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this instrument and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this instrument as it has in the Regulations.

5 Declared operation

For the purposes of subregulations 3(1) and (7) of the Regulations, the humanitarian aid operation arising out of the wildfires occurring in British Columbia, Canada and commencing on 19 July 2017, is a declared operation.

6 Name of operation

For the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(a) of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known for the purpose of the Regulations is “British Columbia II”.

7 Operational area

For the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, the operational area of the declared operation is the province of British Columbia.

8 Period of declared operation

For the purposes of subparagraph 4(1)(c)(i) of the Regulations, the period during which the declared operation occurred is the period beginning on 19 July 2017 and ending on 26 September 2017.

9 Organisations

- (1) For the purposes of subregulation 5(1) of the Regulations, each of the following organisations is specified:
 - (a) ACT Emergency Services Agency;
 - (b) ACT Parks and Conservation Service;
 - (c) Country Fire Authority (Victoria);
 - (d) Department for Environment and Water (South Australia);
 - (e) Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Western Australia);
 - (f) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Victoria);
 - (g) Fire and Rescue NSW;
 - (h) Forestry Corporation of NSW;
 - (i) NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service;
 - (j) NSW Rural Fire Service;
 - (k) Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service;
 - (l) Parks Victoria;
 - (m) Queensland Fire and Emergency Services;
 - (n) South Australia Country Fire Service;
 - (o) Tasmania Fire Service.
- (2) For the purposes of subparagraph 5(5)(a)(i) of the Regulations, the period during which each organisation participated in the declared operation is the period beginning on 19 July 2017 and ending on 26 September 2017.

10 Qualifying period of service

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 5(5)(b) of the Regulations, the qualifying period of service is any 14 day period during the period beginning on 19 July 2017 and ending on 26 September 2017.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 5(5)(c) of the Regulations, periods of qualifying service may be aggregated from several periods of service with one or more organisations.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 5(5)(d) of the Regulations, inspection visits may be counted as humanitarian service.

11 Ineligibility for an award of the Medal

For the purposes of subsection 6(3) of the Regulations, the following service is not eligible service during the declared operation unless the service was humanitarian service undertaken in dangerous circumstances for the qualifying period of service:

- (a) service as a member of the incident management team in relation to any of the following activities:
 - (i) incident control;
 - (ii) operations;
 - (iii) logistics;
 - (iv) planning;
- (b) service in any of the following capacities in the incident management team:
 - (i) safety officer;
 - (ii) finance officer;
 - (iii) fire behaviour analyst;
- (c) service in any of the following specialist roles:
 - (i) helicopter coordinator;
 - (ii) Air Branch director;
 - (iii) divisional supervisor;
 - (iv) sector commander;
- (d) service as an agency representative;
- (e) service as a liaison officer.