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FIJI REPUBLIC MEDAL DECREE 1988

DECREE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND INSTITUTION OF THE FIJI REPUBLIC MEDAL AND FOR MATTERS ANCILLARY THERETO

In exercise of the powers vested in me as President and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Fiji, I, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, hereby make the following Decree—

Short title and interpretation

- 1.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Fiji Republic Medal Decree, 1988.
- (2) In this Decree, "Medal" means the Fiji Republic Medal instituted and created by Section 2 of this Decree.

Style

2. There shall be instituted and created a medal for Fiji styled the "Fiji Republic Medal".

Medal to be awarded by the President

- 3.—(1) The Medal shall be awarded by the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, to persons eligible under Section 5 of this Decree.
- (2) Where a person has been selected by the President as eligible to receive a medal in accordance with Section 5 of this Decree, but the President is himself unable to confer the award on that person, it shall be competent for the President to appoint some other person to confer the Medal on his behalf.

Civil and Military Divisions

The Medal shall be awarded to persons in accordance with the next following section in either the Civil Division or the Military Division.

Eligibility

5. The persons eligible for the Medal shall be selected on the basis of meritorious and faithful service:
 - (a) for the purpose of the Military Division of the Medal—from those loyal citizens of Fiji or others, male and female, who have served or are serving in established posts on the strength of a unit in the Fiji Military Forces, or in established posts in the Fiji Police Force, in the Fiji Prisons Service, in the Fire Services or in the Forest Guards in Fiji; and
 - (b) for the purpose of the Civil Division of the Medal—from those loyal citizens of Fiji or others, male and female who have—
 - (i) served or are serving as members of the Civil Service in Fiji; or
 - (ii) rendered outstanding public service to Fiji.

Description

6.—(1) The Medal shall be silver and gold and oval in shape, bearing on the obverse two crossed swords pointing upwards, superimposed in the centre with a representation of a naval anchor and a tabua, with two coconut leaves one on either side of the anchor.

(2) The reverse side of the Medal shall be inscribed—

- (i) in the case of a Medal awarded in the Military Division—with the words: "For services in the Army, Navy, Police, Prisons, Disciplined Services"; and
- (ii) in the case of a Medal awarded in the Civil Division—with the words: "For service to the Republic".

Registration

7. The names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be entered in a Register which shall be divided into the separate Civil and Military Divisions and which shall be kept in the Office of the President.

Ribbon

8. The Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon 36 mm in width, consisting of three stripes of equal width, coloured—

- (a) in the case of a medal awarded in the Civil Division navy blue, peony red, with a white strip down the centre, and rifle green in that order; and
- (b) in the case of a Medal awarded in the Military Division—navy blue, peony red and rifle green in that order.

Forfeiture

9. It shall be competent for the President for the time being to cancel and annul the award to any person of the Medal, and thereupon the name of such person in the Register shall be erased.

Restoration

10. The President may restore any Medal which may have been forfeited in accordance with Section 9.

Regulations

11. The President may make regulations generally for the effective administration and the better carrying out of the purpose of this Decree.

Dated this 6th day of October 1988.

PENAIA K. GANILAU
President and Commander-in-Chief