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H IS Excellency the Governor of Victoria directs that it be notified for general information that advice has been received that *His Majesty's Declaration of Abdication Act* 1936 was assented to by His Majesty on the 11th December, 1936, at 1.52 p.m., Greenwich mean time.

Section 1 of that Act provides that immediately upon Royal Assent being signified, His Majesty shall cease to be King and there shall be a demise of the Crown, and accordingly the Member of the Royal Family next in succession to the Throne shall succeed thereto.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. A. DUNSTAN, Premier.

Premier's Office, Melbourne, 12th December, 1936.

## PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Instrument of Abdication dated the tenth day of December instant, His former Majesty King Edward the Eighth did declare his irrevocable determination to renounce the Throne for Himself and His Descendants, and the said Instrument of Abdication has now taken effect, whereby the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, Ireland and all other His former Majesty's Dominions is now solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George: We, therefore, Captain the Right Honorable William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor in and over the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia: The Honorable Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria; The Honorable Albert Arthur Dunstan, M.L.A., Premier of the State of Victoria; The Honorable Sir Francis Grenville Clarke, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, President of the Legislative Council of Victoria; The Honorable William Hugh Everard, M.L.A., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria; and the Honorable Alexander George Wales, M.L.C., the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, do now hereby with one voice and consent of tongue and heart publish and proclaim, that the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George is now become our only lawful and rightful liege Lord George the Sixth by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To whom we do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with all heart and humble affection: beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince George the Sixth with long and happy years to reign over us.

Given at Melbourne this fourteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

HUNTINGFIELD, Governor.
F. W. MANN. Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice.
A. A. DUNSTAN, Premier.
FRANK CLARKE, President of the Legislative Council.
W. H. EVERARD, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
A. G. WALES, Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

GOD SAVE THE KING!