



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD IN FLORIDA***

**WHEREAS**, since 1986, Army installations around the world recognize the sacrifices and applaud the courage of military children by celebrating the Month of the Military Child throughout the month of April; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to recognize that military children make significant contributions to the country while dealing with uncertainty and concern for their parents during extended hours and deployments; and

**WHEREAS**, the high demand of family responsibility that military children accept takes courage and strength as they serve the Nation along with their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Army strives to provide a safe, nurturing environment for military children to enable a stronger and more resilient fighting force; and

**WHEREAS**, the Month of the Military Child reinforces this concept, reminds the Nation that the Service member's children also serve, and gives communities an opportunity to share their gratitude for the service of military children; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 24% of all veterans deployed out of Florida have families with children; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida participates in the Interstate Compact for Military Children to provide educational services and support to military children and their families;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2017 as the *Month of the Military Child*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 24th day of March, in the year two thousand seventeen.

  
Governor