

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, to honor military families and their children for the sacrifices they make and their unconditional support of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Defense first designated April as "The Month of the Military Child" in 1986; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration recognizes the contributions that military children make as their parents, guardians, and families serve our nation; and

WHEREAS, because of their resilience and ability to deal with life-changing events, military children are an inspiration and a source of pride for our nation; and

WHEREAS, the physical, social, and emotional well-being of children in military families is essential to their success and has a direct impact on the resiliency of military families serving our country; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring military children are safe and supported in our schools and communities, our men and women in uniform can focus on the challenges and missions they face in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, our efforts and support can improve the lives of military youth and help pave the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Mississippi adopted the Military Interstate Children's Compact on Educational Opportunity for military children to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families due to frequent moves and deployment of a parent; and

WHEREAS, designating the month of April as the month of the military child in Mississippi will allow us to pay homage to military children for their commitment, their struggles, and their unconditional support of our troops, because when parents serve in the military, their "Kids Serve Too"; and

WHEREAS, April is a month-long salute to military children and youth, everyone in the local community is encouraged to wear purple on April 17th, as a visible sign to thank military children for their strength, resilience, and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, schools are also encouraged to salute military children during the month of April through visual displays, programs, and events; and

WHEREAS, school liaisons work daily to support military-connected children; schools and community leaders are encouraged to work with school liaisons who are present at each active-duty military installation in Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim April 2024, to be recognized as

"MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD"

and April 17, 2024, to be recognized as

"PURPLE UP FOR MILITARY KIDS DAY"

in the state of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to honor military-connected children with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.




TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR