



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the selfless acts of service performed by its brave members of the military and their devoted families; and

WHEREAS, military families continue to face the unique burden of deployments, often causing uncertainty and constant upending of their daily lives and routines; and

WHEREAS, military families know of the sacrifices borne by military children, but their important contributions can often go unnoticed by the general public; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to more than 30,000 military children; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of April as the Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their sacrifice and their unconditional support of our service members, because when parents serve in the military, their kids serve too; and

WHEREAS, National Purple Up! Day, held during every April, honors the sacrifices made by military children, and the community recognizes them by wearing purple; and

WHEREAS, Purple Up! Day is April 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama National Guard recognizes the occasion on the second Friday of April every year, and the Alabama Department of Education will observe the occasion on April 21st; and

WHEREAS, on either of these three dates, Alabamians are encouraged to wear purple to show support for military children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as

Month of the Military Child

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 6th day of April 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor