



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

## Declaration

**Whereas**, April is Month of the Military Child, a special month to recognize and pay tribute to military families and their children for their commitment, courage, and unconditional support of our Armed Forces;

**Whereas**, the state of Utah is proud to be home to more than 13,000 children whose parents serve in the military and are stationed in Utah;

**Whereas**, the children of our service members continue to make significant contributions to schools, communities, the nation, and our state, despite prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents;

**Whereas**, in partnership with the Utah State Board of Education, Utah's public schools remain committed to the care and education of the children of the men and women of our armed forces;

**Whereas**, by partnering with school liaison officers, military leaders, educators, and community organizations, the Utah State Board of Education, Utah Department of Workforce Services, and Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs strive to provide the unique support needed for military service members and their families during all stages of transition and deployment;

**Whereas**, Utah is an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which facilitates successful transitions for military children who face relocation between states; and,

**Whereas**, Utah reaffirms its commitment to ensuring excellence in schools, child care, and youth services to military children who face unique challenges;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare April 2023 as

**Month of the Military Child in Utah**

Spencer J. Cox  
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