



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the importance of recognizing and honoring the sacrifices and contributions of military families and their children to our nation;

Whereas, the state of Utah proudly supports more than 13,000 military children whose parents are dedicated members of the Armed Forces stationed within our state;

Whereas, while their parents are called to serve, these children demonstrate resilience, strength, and sacrifice by contributing to their schools, communities, and our state amidst the challenges of parental absences and frequent moves;

Whereas, the Utah State Board of Education, in collaboration with school liaison officers, military leaders, educators, and community organizations, is steadfast in its commitment to the educational and emotional well-being of military children, offering steadfast support through all phases of transition and deployment;

Whereas, Utah's active engagement in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children ensures smooth educational transitions for military children relocating across state lines, affirming our commitment to their academic success and stability;

Whereas, Utah supports and engages in the "Five & Thrive" initiative, dedicated to improving the growth and welfare of military children while providing robust support to military families in the five primary areas of childcare, education, healthcare, housing, and spouse employment;

Whereas, April 15 is celebrated as Purple Up Day, a day to wear purple in solidarity and support of military children, symbolizing the combined strength and unity of our armed services, as purple represents the combination of the various service branch colors;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare April 2024 as

Month of the Military Child in Utah

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