



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

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

Whereas, the state of Utah proudly supports roughly 17,000 military children whose parents are dedicated members of the Armed Forces stationed within our state;

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

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

Whereas, Utah's active participation in the Purple Star schools program helps promote consistent educational transitions for military children, affirming our commitment to their academic success and stability;

Whereas, Utah supports and participates in the "Five & Thrive" initiative, aimed at improving the growth and welfare of military children while providing strong support to military families in the five key areas of childcare, education, healthcare, housing, and spouse employment;

Whereas, April 15th 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 great state of Utah, do hereby declare April 2025 as

Month of the Military Child in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox".

Spencer J. Cox
Governor