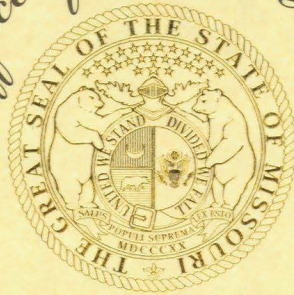


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri 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 themselves know of the sacrifices borne by military children, but their important contributions can often go unnoticed by the general public; 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 in our country; 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**, a month long salute to military children will encourage local communities to provide direct support to military children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 2021 to be

**MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

in recognition of our military children and urge all to observe this month by connecting with military youth, military families, and communities to provide support to all military children.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcroft*

SECRETARY OF STATE