

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** in the state of Vermont there are no military bases for our military children and youth to form connections and therefore can be invisible to coaches, teachers, and the community; and
- WHEREAS,** military personnel are relocated frequently, and moving can result in both academic and social challenges for the children of military personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** regardless of their grade, military children entering a new school system must adjust to different and possibly incompatible curriculums, become acquainted with new surroundings, and form new friendships; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont National Guard has implemented and promotes the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth program in accordance with instructions from the National Guard Bureau; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is one of the states that has ratified the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to address the academic impacts of military children's frequent relocations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth program assists Vermont's military youth with adjusting to situations other children do not experience; and
- WHEREAS,** for 2016, the Vermont National Guard Child & Youth program reported 713 programming hours were provided with 27 day/overnight camp opportunities including Teen Resilience Training that reached 648 Army and Air National Guard children; and
- WHEREAS,** VTNG Child & Youth program is a resource for the broader community, educating communities on the effect of parental deployments for our military children; and
- WHEREAS,** military parents whose children participate in VTNG Child and Youth Programs have responded favorably to the program's impact on their children's lives; and
- WHEREAS,** local VTNG Army and Air Child and Youth and families, along with Vermont National Guard Family Program staff, are visiting the State House today, April 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS,

nationally, April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child", a time to honor the youths affected by military deployment.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in Vermont, and I do hereby urge all citizens, businesses and government leaders to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support and thank military children.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of April, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs