

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- 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 varying curriculums, become acquainted with new surroundings, and form new friendships; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont National Guard implements 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 which 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 2017, the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth program reported 524.5 programming hours were provided with 40 day/overnight camp opportunities, including Teen Resilience Training which reached 903 Army and Air National Guard children; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont National Guard Child and 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 the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth Program have responded favorably to the program's impact on their children's lives.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

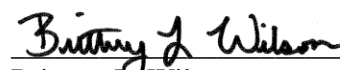
THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of April, A.D. 2018.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs