

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermont has 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 serves as a resource for the broader community, educating communities on the effect of parental deployments for our military children; and
- WHEREAS,** for 2019, the Vermont National Guard Child & Youth program reported 593.5 programming hours were provided with 38 day and overnight experiences which focus on increasing Peer-to-Peer Connection, building Leadership and Resilience skills, that reached 1,778 Army and Air National Guard dependent youth, and 6 Educate the Educator awareness briefings provided to a total of 133 professionals engaged in youth development; and
- WHEREAS,** military parents whose children participate in the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth Program have responded favorably to its impact on their children's lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2020 as

**MILITARY CHILD MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of April, A.D. 2020.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney L. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive.

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs