

**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 sent on training missions, humanitarian missions, deployments, and moving, all of which can result in significant disruptions in their home life, as well as cause both academic and social challenges for the children of military personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** regardless of their age, or grade, military children, facing extended separation from a parent, guardian, or loved one, are faced with five big changes and these are changes in rules, relationships, routines, roles, and rituals; 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 2021, the Vermont National Guard Child & Youth program reported 371.5 programming hours were provided with 60 camp and training program opportunities including Teen Resilience Training that reached 2,087 Army and Air National Guard children, and 15 briefings about Vermont's military children and youth provided to educators and community partners in Vermont; 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.

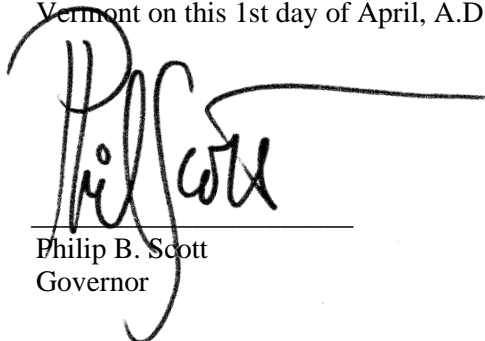
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2022 as


MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of April, A.D. 2022.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs