

**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 deployed or sent away for extended trainings frequently, and this disruption can result in both academic and social challenges, increased anxiety and behavior issues 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 2022, the Vermont National Guard Child & Youth program reported 304 programming hours were provided with 47 day and overnight experiences which focus on increasing peer-to-peer connection, building leadership and resilience skills, that reached 3,850 military dependent youth; and

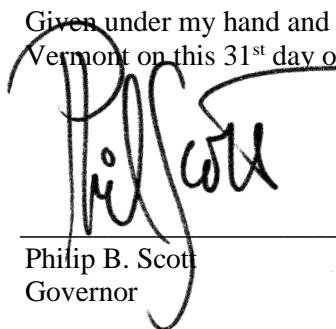
WHEREAS, military parents whose children participate in the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth Program have responded favorably to its impact on their children's lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2023 as


MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31st day of March, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs