

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 2018, the Vermont National Guard Child & Youth program reported 539 programming hours were provided with 37 day/overnight camp opportunities including Teen Resilience Training that reached 947 Army and Air National Guard children, and 6 trainings provided to a total of 154 educators in Vermont; and

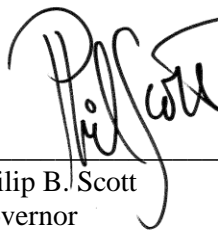
WHEREAS, military parents whose children participate in the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth program have responded favorably to the program's impact on their children's lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2019 as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

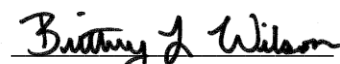
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of April, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs