



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the military heritage of our nation is defined by the courage and selfless service of men and women who, at great risk to their personal safety, joined the armed forces to protect our freedom in times of war and in times of peace; and

Whereas, as we honor the valor and sacrifices of all servicemembers, we must likewise honor the valor and sacrifices of the parents, siblings, spouses, children, and all other family members who watched their sons and daughters, their brothers and sisters, their husbands and wives, their mothers and fathers, and other loved ones valiantly step forward to answer the call to duty; and

Whereas, we owe the highest gratitude to all of our military families, who support and sustain their loved ones throughout their service, and who assure them that their family waits for their safe return; and

Whereas, we recognize the various challenges and difficulties that military families confront each day, from the long periods of separation to the disruption and instability caused by frequent moves to new bases, new schools, new workplaces, and new living spaces; and

Whereas, we thank these military family members who stand united and strong as they endure difficult times, and we recognize the sacrifices they make so that their loved ones will succeed; and

Whereas, New York – a state that is currently home to nearly 900,000 veterans and that has given our nation many previous generations of servicemembers – upholds a proud tradition of honoring military families that have prevailed through every strain and trial they faced; this tradition continues today with every New York family that has a member presently serving in our nation's armed forces; and

Whereas, Military Family Month was established by the Armed Services YMCA in 1993, and the United States Government has since designated November as Military Family Month, providing an opportunity to reflect on the daily contributions military family members make to our country and others around the world; and

Whereas, each and every day, New Yorkers find tremendous inspiration in the valor and spirit of our military servicemembers, as well as their family members, reaffirming our state's commitment to supporting all military families;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day of November in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor