



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, throughout America's history our armed forces have selflessly stepped forth to defend our country, and we join to pay tribute to all New Yorkers currently serving in our nation's military; and

Whereas, our state recognizes that the people who serve in the armed forces make tremendous sacrifices and that their families do as well, especially the children who endure months and even years of separation from a parent serving tours of duty; and

Whereas, these children make sacrifices themselves, spending birthdays, holidays, weekends, bedtime readings, school functions, and other daily routines without one parent, or sometimes even both parents, and profoundly missing that significant presence as a regular part of their lives; and

Whereas, older military children likewise feel the effects of a parent on active duty, enduring frequent moves and deployment-related transitions that can be difficult and stressful; these teenage children face the challenge of making new friends and adjusting to life on new military bases and in new schools, while often experiencing anxieties and concerns over their parent's safety; and

Whereas, New York State is a member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, ensuring in law and in practice that the frequent moves inherent to military service never pose a barrier to the educational success of any of the military children attending schools within this great State; and

Whereas, each April, Americans pause to recognize our nation's military children during the Month of the Military Child – a nationwide observance that highlights the important and special place children have in the armed forces community; and

Whereas, the lives of military families are challenging, and New Yorkers take this opportunity to thank those military families who make daily sacrifices in support of their family members' service to America, and we especially remember the children of our military families, and join to express our support for them;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as the

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in the Empire State and encourage all people to show appreciation for New Yorkers serving in the armed forces, along with their families and children.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirty-first day of March in the year two thousand twenty-three.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh