

A Proclamation

Whereas Military members throughout Massachusetts and our nation serve to protect the principles and ideals on which this country was founded and seek to preserve our freedom, liberty and democracy; and

Whereas, Our military families help sustain our fighting force, and it is important to recognize the critical role of their dependents while their parents serve our nation; and

Whereas, Many of our servicemen and women are fathers, mothers, caregivers and guardians to children, both living on military bases and across Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Military children conquer obstacles unique to their situation, such as constant concern for their parent's well-being, separation from their loved ones and frequent relocation; and

Whereas, Children and families make sacrifices, both in their daily lifestyles and routines to support their service member and thus play a vital role in the function of the United States Military; and

Whereas, In 1986, former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger designated the month of April as
The Month of the Military Child; and

Whereas, Massachusetts recognizes the important role military children play in the Armed Forces community, both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Massachusetts is committed to providing quality services and support that is dedicated to their success,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 2025, to be,

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of April, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY

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