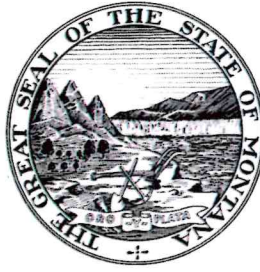


STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, children of United States servicemembers deserve support as they sacrifice for our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the physical, social, and emotional well-being of children of servicemembers in our schools and communities is essential to their success and allows our men and women in uniform to focus on the challenges and missions they face in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Montana is home to over 6,000 military-connected youth; and

WHEREAS, children of servicemembers are required to step up and take on more responsibilities while their parents serve, and often must move to new communities and start at a new school every few years; and

WHEREAS, children of servicemembers are incredibly resilient and adaptable in their circumstances — understanding the importance of service to our state and nation — leading them to be well rounded, successful individuals that continue to serve and contribute to their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 and April 15, 2024, as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD and PURPLE UP! DAY

in Montana to support the children of servicemembers and their families.



GREG GIANFORTE
Governor