

Ron DeSantis Governor

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, since 1986, military installations around the world recognize the sacrifices and applaud the courage of military children by celebrating the Month of the Military Child throughout the month of April; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to recognize that military children make significant contributions to the country while dealing with uncertainty and concern for their parents during extended hours and deployments; and

WHEREAS, the high demand of family responsibility that military children accept takes courage and strength as they serve the nation along with their parents; and

WHEREAS, the Armed Services strive to provide a safe, nurturing environment for military children to enable a stronger and more resilient fighting force; and

WHEREAS, approximately 24 percent of all service members deployed out of Florida have families with children; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child in Florida reminds the Nation that the service member's children also serve, and gives communities an opportunity to share their gratitude for the service of military children; and

WHEREAS, Florida participates in the Interstate Compact for Military Children to provide educational transition services and support to military children and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2019 as the *Month of the Military Child in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 21st day of March, in the year two thousand nineteen.

Governor