STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Tennesseans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, both on active duty and in the Tennessee National Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has committed to be an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which is designed to support military children when they transition from school system to school system across state lines; and

WHEREAS, children and youth of our service members are major contributors to the fabric of strength for their parents serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, children and youth of our service members continue to make significant contributions to family, schools, communities, our state, and the nation, despite prolonged and repeat absences of one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take the time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Defense Education Activity, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, and other military family support organizations are encouraging the recognition of the important role of military children while there servicemember parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color purple;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2019 as "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day" and the month of April 2019 as the

Month of the Military Child

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-sixth day of March, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State