



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

As Americans, we owe a tremendous debt to those who serve to protect and promote our freedom. Through their bravery and valor, members of the United States Armed Forces demonstrate their commitment to our nation and our values.

It is important to remember the men and women in uniform are not alone in making sacrifices. The cause of freedom makes great demands upon the husbands and wives, the parents and grandparents, and the children of our military personnel. For children, this sacrifice is especially poignant: from always being the new kid in school to the strain of being separated from a deployed parent, military children often live with uncertainty and fear. Gold Star children in particular know this sacrifice all too well.

Many children have a parent serving on active or reserve military duty. Each April, we make a special effort to applaud military families and pay tribute to the resilient nature of military children. Purple Up! For Military Kids Day on April 12<sup>th</sup> encourages communities to wear purple in support of the strength and sacrifices of military children across the country.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the outstanding courage and strength of military children and their families. They demonstrate the patriotism, bravery, and dedication that keep Texas and America strong.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2019 to be

## **Month of the Military Child**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
Governor of Texas