



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

As Americans, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those who serve our country and protect our cherished freedoms. Members of the United States Armed Forces exemplify incredible bravery in their commitment to our nation and our values, and deserve the thanks of a grateful nation. Military families and military children should also receive recognition for the many sacrifices they make and for the challenges they must overcome as well.

The sacrifices made by our service men and women are reflected in the selflessness of their families. The husbands and wives, parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, and children of our military personnel consistently give so much alongside their family member in uniform in support of our freedoms. These sacrifices can be especially difficult for countless children who often must continuously adapt to new schools, make new friends, experience the emotional strain of having a deployed parent, and face uncertainties and fears that most of their peers cannot understand. Sadly, our Gold Star children in particular know the weight of these sacrifices all too well.

Many children have a parent serving on active or reserve military duty, and during the continued response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, many military children have experienced entirely new challenges as parents and family members continue to answer their nation's call on the home front.

Each April, we take the time to applaud and honor military families and highlight the resiliency of military children. At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the outstanding courage and strength of military children and their families. They demonstrate the patriotism and irrepressible courage that keep Texas and America strong.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2021 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  
10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.



  
Governor of Texas