

Virginia Board of Education
**RESOLUTION OF
RECOGNITION**
to Commemorate April 2017 as
the Month of the Military Child

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is home to more than 73,000 school-age, military-connected children; and

WHEREAS, military families in Virginia include men and women on active duty service in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy, and members of the reserves and the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is a proud member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which addresses key transition issues encountered by military students including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation; and

WHEREAS, military-connected children often demonstrate resilience, perseverance, maturity, and cultural competence in the face of frequent moves, family separations through deployments, and reintegration following deployments; and

WHEREAS, military children provide unique and valuable perspectives on learning, friendship, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to salute our military children and acknowledge the contributions they bring to their families, our schools, our communities, and our Commonwealth; and


WHEREAS, across the nation individuals are encouraged to wear purple on April 21, 2017, in celebration of "Purple Up for Military Kids," to show support for military-connected children and to thank them for their strength and sacrifices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Board of Education recognizes April 2017 as the Month of the Military Child and encourages Virginia's schools and communities to celebrate this recognition with activities to honor the contributions of our students from military families;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Virginia Board of Education expresses its sincere gratitude to military-connected students throughout the Commonwealth for their service to our great nation.

Adopted in Richmond, Virginia, This Twenty-third Day of March in the Year 2017.


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