

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 8

House resolution recognizing April 2023 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont and supporting the important work it represents

Offered by: Representatives Morgan of Milton and Hango of Berkshire

Whereas, many Americans and Vermonters may not be aware that there are more than 1.6 million children of U.S. military personnel, and

Whereas, family pressures are magnified for children who remain stateside when a parent is deployed abroad, and the children of the approximately 1,000 Vermont National Guard personnel who may be deployed over the course of a year experience this disruption firsthand, and

Whereas, military children's frequent relocation and corresponding lack of long-term community stability present them with an unwelcome distraction, and

Whereas, in 1986, the U.S. Department of Defense first designated April as the Month of the Military Child, and the theme for the 2023 observance is "Taking Care of Our Military Children," and this annual event is part of a year-round initiative that brightens and improves these children's lives, and

Whereas, related programs include the national Military Kids Connect, partnerships with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H Clubs, and Sesame Street for Military Families, as well as many local activities that offices such as the Vermont National Guard's Child & Youth Services administer, and

Whereas, April 15, a highlight of the Month of the Military Child known as Purple Up! For Military Kids Day, provides an opportunity to show support for military families by wearing purple, a color that symbolizes all branches of the military, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body recognizes April 2023 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont and supports the important work it represents, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard's Child & Youth Services.