

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 218

Offered by All Members of the House

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Whereas, the children of members of the U.S. military, who number approximately 1.6 million, exemplify strength, adaptability, and a global outlook, reflective of their unique experiences in military families, and they face long deployments and frequent separations from loved ones with courage and grace, and

Whereas, in 1986, the U.S. Department of Defense first designated April as the Month of the Military Child, and this annual event is part of a year-round initiative aimed at enhancing the lives of these youths, and

Whereas, Purple Up! For Military Kids Day is an important aspect of the Month of the Military Child, and on this special day, Americans are encouraged to wear purple, a color that symbolizes all branches of the military and the fortitude, resilience, and sacrifices of militarily connected youth, and

Whereas, although April 10 and April 15 are both widely observed as the dates for this colorful celebration, since the General Assembly is commemorating the Month of the Military Child today, April 21, 2026, it is an ideal day for wearing purple in support of military children, and

Whereas, the month of April is designated for the recognition of military children, who, in reality, serve alongside their families, and these youngsters' personal adaptability to changing circumstances, which enables their parents to protect and defend our nation, is worthy of applause and recognition, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard Office of Child & Youth Services.