

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes the selfless acts of service performed by its brave members of the military and their devoted families; and

WHEREAS, military families continue to face the unique burden of deployments, often causing uncertainty and constant upending of their daily lives and routines; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is the proud home to more than 14,000 children whose parents serve in the active-duty military and nearly 18,000 children whose parents serve in the Alabama National Guard or reserves and are stationed in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is a member and active participant in the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, which facilitates successful transitions for educational opportunities for military children who face relocation between states; and

WHEREAS, military families themselves know of the sacrifices borne by military children, but their important contributions can often go unnoticed by the general public; and

WHEREAS, the average military student faces transitioning to a new school up to nine times between kindergarten and 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, a month-long salute to military children will encourage local communities to provide direct support to military children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2022, as

## Month Of The Military Child

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the  $2^{nd}$  day of February 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor