

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, thousands of Texans have shown bravery and commitment in protecting our nation's freedom by serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley is proud to be home to countless children whose parents serve or have served in America's military; and

WHEREAS, military-connected children face unique challenges that most youth their age do not experience as a result of constant moves, having a parent that is deployed, coping with a parent who has a combat related illness and/or injury or grieving the loss of a fallen parent; and

WHEREAS, the social and emotional well-being of children in military families is crucial to their success and has a direct impact on the family's dynamics; and

WHEREAS, for the last thirty-two years, the United States Department of Defense has paid tribute to military children during the month of April by recognizing their sacrifices and applauding their courage; and

WHEREAS, April 10th is "Purple Up for Military Kids" day. Purple symbolizes the combined colors of all branches of the military: Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue. On this day everyone is encouraged to wear the color purple in support of and to thank military children; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring military-connected children are supported and celebrated in our communities, as well as schools, our military families can be comforted knowing that their children are a source of pride and honor to us all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim April as Month of the Military Child in tribute to their sacrifices and courage and encourages all residents to wear the color purple on Wednesday, April 10th.

Approved this 26th day of March 2019.

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