

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans demonstrate their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States both on Active Duty and in the National Guard and Reserves; and

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

WHEREAS, there are approximately 55,000 children with parents serving the military either on Active Duty, in the National Guard or Reserves and stationed in Washington; and

WHEREAS, these children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us we are taking care of their children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Month of the Military Child allows us to pay tribute to military children and youth for their commitment, their struggles and their unconditional support of our troops, because when parents serve in the military their kids are heroes too; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2015 as

Purple Up for Military Kids

in Washington in honor of our military children during the Month of the Military Child, and call on all people in our state to join me in honoring military children by wearing purple on this day and urge all to observe this month by connecting with military youth, military families, and communities to provide support to all military children.

Signed this 1st day of April, 2015

Governor Jay Inslee

