



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Month of the Military Child

WHEREAS, our military families help sustain our fighting force, and it is important we emphasize and recognize the critical role of service members' children while their parents serve our nation; and

WHEREAS, the average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school, and most military children will attend six to nine different schools between kindergarten and 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is committed to resolving the educational transition issues faced by these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to easing the transitions for military children, so they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not delayed in achieving their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, former Defense Secretary, Caspar Weinberger, designated the month of April as the Month of the Military Child, and the State of Rhode Island and other organizations will underscore the important role of military children in our communities during April 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as: *Month of the Military Child* in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 25 day of March, 2019

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State