

# Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** thousands of brave Service Members from West Virginia serve our nation's military, taking an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and
- Whereas,** while only the military wears the uniform, their entire family plays a vital role in the service to our state and nation; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has more than 6,000 military-connected youth who have a loved one that served or is serving in the military; and
- Whereas,** these young heroes deserve to be recognized for their service and sacrifice in the armed forces community; and
- Whereas,** the month of April marks the nationwide initiative known as the "*Month of the Military Child*," which honors, appreciates, and celebrates these remarkable and resilient youth; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia National Guard Child & Youth Program invite everyone to wear the color purple on Wednesday, April 19th, as part of the 12th annual "*Purple Up! for Military Kids Day*"; and
- Whereas,** purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue; and
- Whereas,** this strong group of military youth across our great state, will be encouraged as they see so many friends, families, schools, organizations, and communities wearing purple in their honor.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 2023* as:

## *Month of the Military Child*

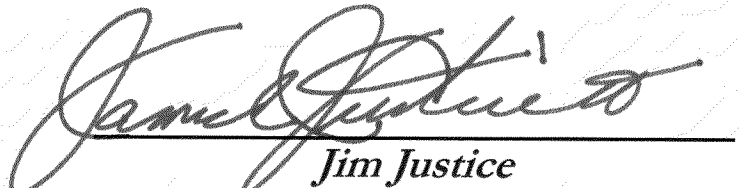
proclaim *April 19, 2023* as:

## *Purple Up for Military Kids Day*


in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

  
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Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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Secretary of State