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.

Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State