

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS:** More than 14,000 Arkansans serve in the armed forces with courage and selflessness, and more than 6,500 military children attend public and private schools across the State of Arkansas;

**WHEREAS:** Military families live and work in every county of Arkansas and play a vital role in supporting the readiness and strength of our nation's armed service members;

**WHEREAS:** Military children face unique challenges related to frequent moves, school transitions, and the deployment of a parent serving in the armed forces;

**WHEREAS:** Military children and their families provide essential encouragement and support to service members and should be recognized for the sacrifices they make on behalf of our nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Organizations including the Arkansas Council for Military Children, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, and the United States Department of Defense recognize April as the Month of the Military Child, during which public buildings may be illuminated in purple and citizens may wear purple to show support for children of military families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026, as**

**"THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD"**

AND the 10th of April as,

**"PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS DAY"**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of April, in the year of our Lord 2026.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor



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Cole Jester, Secretary of State