

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States of America in active duty posts and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,900 of Vermont's school-age children and youth have been directly affected by the military deployment or separation of at least one parent, and the difficult reintegration period that follows all deployments; 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;

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow 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 local community support to provide direct support to military children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

**THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

in Vermont, and I do hereby urge all citizens, business and government leaders to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support and thank military children.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor