WHEREAS; since 1986, the United States Department of Defense has recognized the sacrifices and applauded the courage displayed by children of military members throughout our country, including here in Wisconsin, by recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child; and

WHEREAS; military children deal with the uncertainty of having a parent or parents participate in deployments in places near and far, and they consistently demonstrate strength and courage while navigating increased responsibilities in their households while their parents are deployed; and

WHEREAS; children of military families contribute significantly to their families, their communities, and our state and nation, and the state of Wisconsin recognizes the importance of supporting the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual well-being of all children of military members, understanding that their success directly impacts the resilience and readiness of their entire family; and

WHEREAS; it is not uncommon for children of military families to attend several schools during their lifetime as result of frequent relocations associated with their family’s service, which is why the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is working to increase awareness of and support for children of military families to ensure that every student has the tools and resources they need to be successful; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking military families in every corner of our state for their service, and celebrating military children, in particular, for their strength, courage, resilience, and sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 1st day of April 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State