WHEREAS; since 1986, the United States Department of Defense has recognized the sacrifices and applauded the courage displayed by kids of military members throughout the 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 one or more parents participate in deployments to 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; kids of military families contribute significantly to their families and their communities, underscoring the importance of supporting the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual well-being of all children of military members; and

WHEREAS; it is not uncommon for children of military families to attend several schools during their lifetime as a 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 military children 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 the state for their service and in celebrating military children, in particular, for their strength, courage, resilience, sacrifice, and contributions to the readiness of their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

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

	ave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 24 <sup>th</sup> day of March
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary	of State