



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## MILITARY CHILD MONTH

**WHEREAS**, thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States both on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 150,260 children and youth with a parent on active duty, in the Guard or Reserves stationed in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia has the highest number of active duty, school age children in the nation and has committed to being an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children in order to help them transition from school systems around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia is partnering with the United States Department of Defense to increase access to affordable, quality childcare for military children; and

**WHEREAS**, the children of our service members are major contributors to the strength of their parents every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the children of military personnel make significant contributions to family, schools, communities, our Commonwealth, and the nation, despite repeated and prolonged absences of one or both parents; and

**WHEREAS**, when parents serve in the military, their kids serve too, and it is fitting for our Commonwealth to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their struggles and their unconditional support of our troops;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize April 2013 as **MILITARY CHILD MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth