

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, in 1986, the Department of Defense established April as the month of the Military Child; and

WHEREAS, every April, the United States military services and communities around the world recognize military children for their daily sacrifices and the challenges they must overcome; and

WHEREAS, these children shoulder responsibilities beyond their years and burdens outside of their control, such as repeatedly moving and changing schools, long-term hospital stays for family members and even the loss of a parent; and

WHEREAS, many military children have known only war since September 11, 2001, including some military children whose parents made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to more than 385,454 veterans that have or are serving in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Reserves; and are parents to military children; and

WHEREAS, Cook County will further its commitment to the brave men and women who serve their country by recognizing these children and young American heroes and pledging its gratitude for their sacrifices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares April 2019 as the month of the Military Child; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners urges all Cook County residents, local leaders, private organizations and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the armed forces of the United States.