WHEREAS, children of U.S. servicemembers deserve support as they sacrifice for our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the physical, social, and emotional well-being of children of servicemembers in our schools and communities is essential to their success and allows our men and women in uniform to focus on the challenges and missions they face in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Montana has over 6,000 children, including 3,800 school-aged children, who have a parent currently serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, children of servicemembers are required to step up and take on more responsibilities while their parents serve, and often must move to new communities and start at a new school every few years; and

WHEREAS, children of servicemembers are incredibly resilient and adaptable in their circumstances - understanding the importance of service to our state and nation - leading them to become well-rounded, successful individuals that continue to serve and contribute to their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2022 and April 12, 2022

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD
and PURPLE UP! DAY

in Montana in support of children of servicemembers and their families.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor