



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Thousands of brave Minnesotans have demonstrated courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America in active duty posts to Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world; and

WHEREAS: More than 40 percent of military personnel have children who are left behind during deployments; and

WHEREAS: More than 15,000 children in Minnesota have at least one parent currently serving in active military duty; and

WHEREAS: These children are a source of pride and it is fitting that we recognize and honor their sacrifices, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS: By recognizing the Month of the Military Child, we pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their struggles, and their unconditional support of our troops, because when parents serve in the military, their kids are heroes too.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2012 as:

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage support for the Minnesota Operation Military Kids program and other organizations and campaigns established to provide direct support to military children and families.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 29th day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE