

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2023 -21

RECOGNIZING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, first proclaimed in 1986, April is the Month of the Military Child, an opportunity to pay tribute and recognize the contributions, sacrifices, and unique struggles children of military service members selflessly make in support of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, recognizing when a parent or guardian serves in the military, their children are also serving and it is important to honor and celebrate our military's youngest heroes; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbank North Star Borough School District is proud to serve children whose parents and guardians serve in the military and are stationed on military installations within the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring military children are safe and supported in our schools and community, our men and women in uniform can focus on the challenges and missions they face in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the role the district plays in providing an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment, so military and all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society, from anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, the physical, social, and emotional well-being of children in military families is essential to their success, and the month of the Military Child is an opportunity to remember children's roles in strengthening the military family, and strong, resilient military children are essential to the success of the military's mission; and

WHEREAS, in support of military child and youth, it is highly encouraged for schools and the community to participate in *Purple Up! for Military Kids*, on April 14, 2023, to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, military children and youth are a source of pride and honor, it is only fitting we take time to recognize their contributions, 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 youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education designates April 2023, as the *Month of the Military Child* throughout the district, and encourages staff, students, parents, community members, and district, community, and military leaders to observe the month with celebrations, lessons, guest speakers, and other activities that honor, support, and thank our military children and the family members who care for them.

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ATTEST:



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