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Subject: Press Event: "Month of the Military Child" Proclamation Reading
Location: 1st Floor Lobby, Statehouse
When: 4/2/2015 2:00:00 PM - 2:20:00 PM

APPROVED BY: NH on 3/19

ATTIRE: MH would like for NH to wear purple

INVITED BY: General Livingston

EVENT: Proclamation presentation for the "Month of the Military Child"

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2015

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Statehouse, first floor lobby, Columbia, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP: microphone and podium

Members from each branch of the military in South Carolina will be standing behind the speakers (Governor Haley and Adjutant General Livingston) with their families.

ON-SITE LOCATION CONTACT: Internal

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NOTE: Michael, Rena, and Nalin will attend.

PURPOSE: Governor Haley will present a gubernatorial proclamation designating the Month of April as "The Month of the Military Child"

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INTRODUCED BY: Governor Haley will open up the press conference, read the proclamation and present it to Adjutant General Livingston

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 5 -10 minutes

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense has recognized the month of April as the “Month of the Military Child” since 1986 and this is the first time a gubernatorial proclamation has been signed in South Carolina to recognize the month.

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

Governor Haley – will provide opening remarks and present the proclamation to Adjutant General Livingston

General Livingston – will speak to the importance of recognizing the children of members of our military

Governor Haley – will provide closing remarks and open it up for questions

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- I am excited to be here to declare April as Month of the Military Child!
- I’m glad to see General Livingston, the Adjutant General of South Carolina, his wife Barbara, members of his family, as well as military leaders from Fort Jackson, McEntire, and Shaw Air Force Base here today.
- While deployments obviously take a toll on the member of the military, I know firsthand how difficult deployments can be for military families – for both spouses and children
- As many of you know, my children are military children, and I couldn’t be prouder to say that we are a military family.
- Since 1986, April has been the Month of Military Children.
- For the last 29 years, we’ve used this month to recognize and pay tribute to the unsung heroes, and in our state alone, there are approximately 39,000 children of service members in South Carolina.
- While April is the Month of the Military Child, April 15 is statewide “Purple-Up for Military Children” day, and I would encourage all South Carolinians to wear purple to show their support for military children.
- Let’s all take this month to praise and recognize these military children, and recognize the sacrifices that all members of military families make for the good of our country.

PROCLAMATION TEXT

WHEREAS, originally proclaimed in 1986, Month of the Military Child recognizes the contributions and personal sacrifices our children make in support of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, approximately 39,000 of South Carolina’s children and youth have been directly affected as one or both of their parents serve at home and abroad to preserve our freedom; and

WHEREAS, military children are a source of pride and honor, earning our appreciation for the significant contributions they make in our schools, our communities, and throughout our state despite prolonged and repeated absences by one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, Month of the Military Child serves as a reminder that when parents serve in the military, their children serve as well; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 observance of Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to pay tribute to our military children for their commitment, their struggles, and their unconditional support for our troops while encouraging communities to support these children and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the courage and sacrifice of our military children who so steadfastly uphold the American spirit.