

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 23

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS THE MONTH OF
THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 1.65 million military-connected children enrolled in schools in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, military children must often deal with separation from their parent(s) and possible loss due to the risks of service, some strong positives have been identified in studies including a high occurrence of very resilient personalities, exceptional social skills, a high level of multicultural or international awareness, proficiency in foreign languages, and a statistically very strong affinity for careers that entail service to others; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger first designated April as the Month of the Military Child, acknowledging the significant role military-connected students play in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the average military student faces multiple school relocations from kindergarten to 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, the Military Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) is committed to resolving the education transition issues that are faced by these children and their families;

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2023, Colorado Springs is encouraged to Purple Up! for Military Kids as a way for communities to thank military children for their strength and sacrifice. Purple represents the joint service operations and is a combination of Army green, Marine Corps red, and Coast Guard, Air Force, and Navy blue; it is the appropriate color to represent military children from all branches.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council recognizes April 2023 as the Month of the Military Child and encourages all residents of the Pikes Peak Region to Purple Up! on April 19, 2023.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 28th day of March, 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk