



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAMATION
APRIL 2023**

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, there are over 2 million children of our service members and veterans, whose support and sacrifice help keep our military strong and our Nation secure. These young Americans already understand what it means to serve, shouldering the unique demands of military life with courage and tenacity.

WHEREAS, most of these young patriots uproot their lives every few years — starting at new schools, making new friends, and learning new cultures and customs in different corners of the country and around the globe.

WHEREAS, they make sacrifices — big and small — so their parents can continue to serve and protect this country. These young people represent the very best of America, and we will always be grateful for their service to our Nation.

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District has been given the Purple Star Award for having military-friendly schools and has been recognized as a district that shows a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education joins with the NATION proclaiming April 2023 as the

Month of the Military Child

and calls upon the people of Ketchikan to honor the children of our service members and veterans and encourages Ketchikan to find ways to support military-connected children, including by wearing purple during the month of April in honor of their service

Dated this 12th day of April 2023

By Stephen Bradford, President,
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education