



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this month we honor the over 2 million children of our service members and veterans whose support and sacrifice help keep our military strong and our Nation secure; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to recognize that each day military children undergo unique challenges while dealing with uncertainty and concerns as they undergo changes of station, parent and guardian extended hours and long deployments in places near and far, caring for wounded parents, or coping with the ultimate loss of fallen parents; yet they face these situations with resilience and dignity, beyond their years, as they shoulder the unique demands of military life with courage and tenacity as they serve the Nation alongside their parents and guardians; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermiston recognizes the sacrifices and applauds the courage of military children by celebrating the Month of the Military Child throughout the Month of April; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child presents an opportunity to recommit to providing our military families with the necessary support each military child needs in Hermiston whose parent or guardian serves our nation as a member of the Armed Forces and encourages all to wear purple on April 11, and throughout the month of April, to show love and support and give honor and gratitude for their service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Dave Drotzmann, Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby proclaim the Month of April as “Month of the Military Child” and encourage our community as a whole, to join in commending the children of military families for their exceptional devotion to their loved ones serving as members of the Armed Forces.

SIGNED this 8th day of April, 2024

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor