



The Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** April is the month of the Military Child and is an opportunity to recognize military children for their courage, personal sacrifices and resilient spirit; and,
- WHEREAS,** the strength of our Armed Forces comes not just from those who wear the uniform, but from their families, who also serve on behalf of our country; and,
- WHEREAS,** military children continue to make significant contributions to family and community as they endure prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents and adjust to families moving on an average every 2-3 years and changing schools; and,
- WHEREAS,** these children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions and celebrate their spirit; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Month of the Military Child will recognize that military children serve too and citizens of Meridian will be afforded the opportunity to don the color purple every Friday in April in support of these children.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim April 2026 as

Month of the Military Child

in the City of Meridian and encourage the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to observe the month for Military kids and to wear or display purple to honor, support and thank military children.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2026

A blue ink signature of Robert E. Simison, written in a cursive style.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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