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## Resolution to Proclaim April 2023 as Month of the Military Child and April 14, 2023, as Purple Up! For Military Kids Day

**WHEREAS**, more than 8,000 Nebraskans exhibit profound courage and selflessness in serving America's armed forces;

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska schools serve nearly 4,000 military-connected students;

**WHEREAS**, military-connected children have been found to change schools up to nine times between kindergarten and high school and face other unique challenges related to military parental deployment;

**WHEREAS**, the Nebraska Department of Education recognized 35 Purple Star Schools which created or strengthened programs and supports for military-connected students;

**WHEREAS**, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, of which Nebraska is a proud member, recognizes April as *Month of the Military Child*; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Month of the Military Child* provides an opportunity to salute our military connected children and acknowledge the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experiences and needs of the children of military members serving at home and overseas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the Nebraska State Board of Education extends its profound gratitude for the Veterans, Active Duty, and Reserve members of the Armed Forces and their families for the sacrifices they make daily;

**RESOLVED**, that the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes April 2023 as *Month of the Military Child*;

**RESOLVED**, the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes April 14, 2023 as Purple Up! For Military Kids Day and encourages students, educators, and the public to wear purple in support of military-connected children; and

**RESOLVED**, the State Board of Education directs the Nebraska Department of Education to Continue building coalitions to raise awareness for, support, and advocate for military-connected children and their unique needs.

Signed on behalf of the Nebraska State Board of Education, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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Patti Gubbels, President

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Kirk Penner, Vice President