



PROCLAMATION

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, since 1986, April has been recognized as the Month of the Military Child, honoring the sacrifices and challenges faced by military children; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County, Virginia is the home of the Pentagon, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, National Guard Arlington Hall Readiness Center, and Naval Support Facility-Arlington where thousands of Veterans and Military personnel work daily who are parents or guardians of military children; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.6 million military children in the United States.

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the military service, the average military family moves every two to three year which can result in barriers to their academic success; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of moving constantly extend beyond the classroom for children and can be socially isolating as they must navigate new friendships and community dynamics; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board commends institutions, like Arlington Public Schools, who strive to not only ease the logistical transition between school districts for military families but to welcome them warmly into our community; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County, with its unique ties to our county's military, honors and deeply appreciates the sacrifices that military families must make for our country both in the field and at home;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **April 2025**, as MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD in Arlington County and encourages all residents to join in honoring the children of military families in our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takis Karantonis".

Takis Karantonis
Chair

