



## 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 home to the Pentagon, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, the National Guard Arlington Hall Readiness Center, and Naval Support Facility Arlington, where thousands of veterans and military personnel work daily as parents or guardians of military children; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 1.6 million military children in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the nature of military service, the average military family moves every two to three years, which can create barriers to academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of frequent moves extend beyond the classroom and can be socially isolating for children as they navigate new friendships and community dynamics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington County Board also commends institutions such as Arlington Public Schools, the Military Child Education Coalition Arlington, the Armed Services YMCA Child Development Center Arlington, and many others that work to ease transitions between school districts for military families while also providing a warm and meaningful welcome into our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County, with its unique ties to the military community, honors and deeply appreciates the sacrifices military families make for our country both in service and at home; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **April 2026**, 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 cursive script that reads "Matthew de Ferranti".

Matt de Ferranti  
Chair, Arlington County Board