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A PROCLAMATION
TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 2026
AS THE MONTH OF THE MILTIARY CHILD

WHEREAS, Stafford County is proud to be home to many children whose parents serve in the military stationed throughout the local region; and

WHEREAS, April has been designated by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) as the Month of the Military Child, which is a special time to recognize and pay tribute to military members and their children for their daily sacrifices and their commitment, courage, and unconditional support of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Virginia has one of the highest numbers of military school-aged children in the nation and is committed to being an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which facilitates military children transitioning into school systems across state lines; and

WHEREAS, the children of our services members continue to make significant contributions to schools, communities, the nation, and our Commonwealth, despite prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, all of Virginia's public schools remain committed to the care and education of the children of the men and women of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, by partnering with school liaison officers, military leaders, educators, and community organizations, VDOE provides the unique support needed for military service members and their families during all states of transition and deployment; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child reaffirms our commitment to ensuring excellence in schools, childcare, and youth services to military children who face unique challenges that other children their age never experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the School Board of Stafford County hereby designates April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child throughout Stafford Schools.

Adopted by the School Board of Stafford County on this 10th day of March, 2026.

Elizabeth Warner, Ph.D., Chair
School Board of Stafford County

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