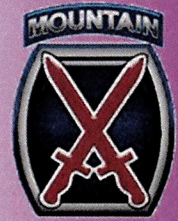




FORT DRUM, NEW YORK
PROCLAMATION



April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community; and

The Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military Families and their Children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome; and

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986; and

Whereas, Military children deal with separations, deployments, frequent moves and even their parents' injuries as part of the life they were born into or entered with their families; and

Whereas, Military children move an average of 10 times while growing up; these frequent moves, exposure to different cultures and languages and immersion in military customs are all common, life-defining experiences in the military child culture; and

Whereas, the term "military brat" is a badge of pride worn by generations of kids who traveled the world with their parents, moving into adulthood with the knowledge that they have the strength to handle anything; and

Whereas, Military Children often follow in the traditions of their parents and enter military service to defend our nation; and

Whereas the strength and resiliency of the Military Child is inspirational to our nation;

NOW, Therefore, Fort Drum, New York, in recognition of the importance of the Military Child and their contributions to our Nation's strength and resilience, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 to be **The Month of the Military Child** in the Fort Drum, New York community and encourage all citizens to direct their attention to the important role Military Children play in our armed forces community.

Signed this 3rd day of April 2024

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