



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Tennesseans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the armed forces of the United States of America in active duty posts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 percent of military personnel have children who are left behind during deployments; and

WHEREAS, more than 40,000 youth in Tennessee have at least one parent currently serving in active military duty; and

WHEREAS, these youth are a source of pride for us all, and is only fitting that we recognize and honor their sacrifices, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is an opportunity to pay tribute to military youth for their commitment, struggles, and unconditional support for our troops- because when parents serve in the military, their children serve too;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2011, as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 20th day of April, 2011.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Ruggitt in blue ink.

Secretary of State