

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS “MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD”
IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA**

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

WHEREAS, more than 17,000 of Virginia’s children and youth have been directly affected by military deployment of at least one parent; and

WHEREAS, these children and youth are a source of inspiration to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and assure our men and women in uniform that while they are protecting our safety and freedom, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of the Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children and youth for their commitment, pride, and unconditional support of our troops, because when parents serve in the military, their kids are heroes too; and

WHEREAS, a month-long salute to military children and youth will encourage local communities to provide direct support to military children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor of the City of Colonial Heights, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as the Month of the Military Child and call upon the citizens of our City to recognize the sacrifices made by the service members, their families; but most importantly, their children.

SIGNED this 11th day of April 2023.

T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk