

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 20

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

Dobrinski of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating April 15 as  
Purple Up! For Military Kids Day in Oklahoma; and  
thanking military families.

WHEREAS, April is celebrated around the world as Month of the  
Military Child with a special focus on April 15 as Purple Up! For  
Military Kids Day; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child was established in 1986  
by former United States Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger to  
recognize the sacrifices made by military families and the important  
role military children play in the armed forces community; and

WHEREAS, military children are special – just as their parents’  
service requires tremendous sacrifice, so does theirs. This  
includes frequent moves to watching their parents deployed numerous  
times to combat zones around the world, and all the while not  
knowing if their parents will return home safely; and

1           WHEREAS, military children represent the best of today's youth.  
2 The strength and resilience they demonstrate through a multitude of  
3 hardships deserves to be recognized and applauded; and

4           WHEREAS, there is a tradition in the military of wearing the  
5 color purple, or the "purple suit", referring to a military activity  
6 involving all branches of the military. All the service colors are  
7 represented including Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine  
8 red, and Coast Guard blue, which are said to combine for the mutual  
9 benefit of all into the color purple; and

10           WHEREAS, on April 15, the act of wearing purple supports and  
11 celebrates the unique contributions of military children.

12           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
13 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15           THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates April 15 as Purple Up!  
16 For Military Kids Day in Oklahoma.

17           THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks military families and  
18 their children for their service and sacrifice to our great nation  
19 and state.

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