

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 31

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

WHEREAS, April is recognized worldwide as the Month of the Military Child, with special recognition 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 Caspar Weinberger to honor the sacrifices made by military families and to acknowledge the vital role military children play within the armed forces community; and

WHEREAS, military children face unique challenges as a result of their parents' incredible service, including frequent relocations, long separations, and multiple deployments to combat zones, all while enduring the uncertainty of their parents' safe return; and

1 WHEREAS, these children exemplify resilience, courage, and
2 strength, navigating the hardships of military life with admirable
3 perseverance and adaptability; and

4 WHEREAS, the tradition of wearing purple, known as the "purple
5 suit", symbolizes unity across all branches of the military—
6 combining Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and
7 Coast Guard blue to represent a shared commitment to service and
8 sacrifice; and

9 WHEREAS, on April 15, wearing purple serves as a visible tribute
10 to military children, celebrating their important contributions.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
12 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate expresses gratitude to military
16 families and their children for their sacrifice and dedication to
17 our state and nation.

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