



**WHEREAS**, in 1986, our nation's Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger, designated April as the MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD, to honor the children of military families and to recognize the many sacrifices and challenges these children overcome, and,

**WHEREAS**, these sacrifices and challenges can include extended deployments of parents to combat zones, frequent moves and constant readjustments, including as an article in the *New York Times* has pointed out, frequent transitions from one school division to another, and,

**WHEREAS**, by the time most military children have completed high school, they will have switched school divisions as many as nine times and,

**WHEREAS**, a *Military Times* survey of active duty soldiers has found a direct link between the education experiences of their children and their decision to remain in public service, and,

**WHEREAS**, President Biden, in a proclamation said of military children, "many of these young patriots uproot their lives every few years while often celebrating birthdays and holidays with an empty seat at the table," and,

**WHEREAS**, our region is home to such vitally important military resources as Rivanna Station, which includes the National Ground Intelligence Center and the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School at the University of Virginia and,

**WHEREAS**, Albemarle County Public Schools is privileged to count among our school community, nearly 500 students who enrich learning for all by contributing their diversity, sharing their life experiences, offering their strength of character, displaying resilience and building friendships and,

**WHEREAS**, our military families are invested in the well-being and success of the communities in which they live, through such roles as mentoring, tutoring, coaching, Parent Teacher Organization membership and as and school-based volunteers and,

**WHEREAS**, Albemarle County Public Schools has been a beneficiary of these extraordinary contributions,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Albemarle County School Board salutes our military families for their valued service to our schools, communities and to our nation, that we pledge our continued support to you and that we are,

Both proud and grateful to reinforce a message first expressed more than 100 years ago on a different occasion to a different audience, that this year..... in this time and place..... WE WANT YOU.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair