



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STRENGTHENING OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Whereas, military service members are 1-percent of the population shouldering the responsibility of protecting the entire Nation and all its states and territories, and

Whereas, military wellness and the deployment-related needs of veterans, military service members and their families have significant national security implications, and

Whereas, military service members and their families make incredible sacrifices, including missing so many of the daily moments we spend with the people we love, and

Whereas, there are 1.9-million children ranging in age from newborn to 18-years-old, who are children of the military, 1.3-Million of whom are school aged, and

Whereas, 765,000 of these military children have Active duty parents, and 225,000 of them have a parent who is currently deployed, and

Whereas, the needs of veterans, military service members, and their families range from mental and physical health and support, educational access, job and economic opportunity, housing, temporary or one-time financial assistance, and more, and

Whereas, thirty-six states as of April had joined the Commission on Educational Opportunities for Military Children (MIC3) compact assisting military children in enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation as they transition from school system to school system, and

Whereas, the Joining Forces program is a national initiative working to mobilize as an act of public service all sectors of society - from businesses to community and charitable groups, and individuals - in support of the opportunities our veterans, military service members, and their families have earned, and

Whereas, returning warriors come home to the communities in our many states and territories, not to federal agencies, and therefore fall squarely in the realm of our public service,

Therefore, now be it resolved, the National Lieutenant Governors Association and its members encourage elected officials of the states and territories to review military family relief fund policy efforts and goals for possible adoption or renewal, as applicable, and

Be it Further Resolved, we support the Joining Forces program in asking entertainment and media including local television, radio, newspaper, online and cable producers to produce programs and public awareness announcements spotlighting the needs of active-duty families, reservists and veterans, and

Be it Further Resolved, we encourage the elected officials of the states and territories who have not adopted the Commission on Educational Opportunities for Military Children compact to review this policy effort for possible adoption, and

Be it Further Resolved, we commit to promote the web site www.ourmilitary.mil to each broadcaster, teacher, faith leader, graduate student, community and charitable group and resident as a way to learn about the needs of military service people and their families and to volunteer in helping meet these needs.

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