

Avondale

PROCLAMATION

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD – APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, since 1986, the Department of Defense has recognized military children during the month of April. Because of their service, commitment, and sacrifice to support the military's mission, it is important to honor and celebrate our military's youngest heroes; and

WHEREAS, April 2026 Month of the Military Child theme is "Celebrating Military Children and Youth: Strength in Every Story." Military children show resilience and quiet strength by adapting to an ever-changing environment defined by service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the children of military service members and veterans face unique challenges and experiences due to their parents' service, including frequent moves, changing schools, and the emotional impact of deployments, reintegration, or an injured or fallen parent, and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child highlights our commitment to providing excellent education, childcare, and youth services to support military children and help them overcome the challenges they face; and

Whereas, the City of Avondale honors and appreciates the military-connected children and families in our community for their positivity, resilience, and the sacrifices they make. We also recognize the dedication of military parents who serve while raising their families.

Whereas, the City of Avondale is proud to be home to many military-connected families, particularly staff members who continue to serve and residents stationed at Luke Air Force Base, one of the largest and most important military installations in the country. Our community has strong ties to the base, and we recognize the sacrifices and resilience of both the military children and the families who serve our nation from this vital installation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Avondale City Council, the City of Avondale, Arizona, hereby proclaims April 2026 as Month of the Military Child in Avondale and call upon the residents of Avondale to celebrate the challenges and triumphs of our military-connected children.

Proclaimed this 6th day of April 2026.



Mayor



Attest: _____

City Clerk