



Meeting Date: March 26, 2026

Submitted By: Dr. Lacey Gosch
Title: Assistant Superintendent

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the Proclamation for the Month of the Military Child as April 2026.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve a Proclamation to declare April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child theme of "Military Children and Youth: Strength in Every Story."

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

Month of the Military Child is observed each April to honor and celebrate military children and youth for their service, commitment, and sacrifice in support of the Army's mission. The observance reiterates the Army's commitment to provide quality care and positive youth development for a bright future. The April 2026 Month of the Military Child theme is "Military Children and Youth: Strength in Every Story," shines a light on the everyday courage of military children. Their stories, filled with resilience, adaptability, and quiet strength, demonstrate the powerful character they build while growing up in a world defined by service and sacrifice.

To honor our Military Children, Judson Independent School District has designated Friday, April 10, 2026, as Purple Up! For Military Kids Day and call on all district staff to join in honoring military children by wearing purple on this day. We urge all to observe this month by connecting with military youth, military families and communities to provide support to all military children. The color purple is chosen because it represents the combined colors of all the branches of the military: Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Space Force Blue, Marines red, and Navy blue.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval



**April 2026
Month of the Military Child
Proclamation**

Whereas, since 1986, military installations around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military Child throughout the month of April, recognizing the sacrifices and applauding the courage of military children;

Whereas, Judson Independent School District recognizes, each day, military children experience unique challenges, which they face with resilience and dignity beyond their years; and

Whereas, it is essential for Judson Independent School District to recognize that military children do make a significant contribution to our nation through understanding and supporting their military parents who often work long hours and make numerous deployments when called upon; and

Whereas, Judson Independent School District is honored to work with the military-connected students and families to provide support to our children of service members as they transition between schools to address their distinct needs and prepare them to graduate as well-rounded citizens ready for college and career; and

Whereas, Judson Independent School District recognizes the physical, social, and emotional well-being of children in military families is essential to their success and has a direct impact on the resiliency of military families serving our country; and

Whereas, Judson Independent School District will ensure military children are safe and supported in our schools and communities, our men and women in uniform can focus on the challenges and missions they face in the line of duty; and

Whereas, Judson Independent School District efforts and support can improve the lives of military youth and help pave the way for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Monica Ryan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as School Board President of the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as the ***Month of the Military Child***. This year's theme is "Military Children and Youth: Strength in Every Story". I urge all Judson Independent School District faculty and staff to hereby join the nation in recognizing the important contributions and sacrifices our military children make as we honor them throughout the month of April. I encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the themes of this month into their everyday duties and responsibilities; and

Purple Up! for Military Kids

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Judson Independent School District this 26th day of March, 2026.

Monica Ryan, President

Lesley Lee, Secretary

