

CITY OF WAYNESVILLE



Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout America's history our armed forces have selflessly stepped forth to defend our great nation and we join to pay tribute to all those currently serving in our country's military; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the people who serve in the armed forces make tremendous sacrifices and that their families do as well, especially the children who endure months and even years of separation from a parent serving tours of duty; and

WHEREAS, these children make sacrifices themselves, spending birthdays, holidays, school plays and music concerts, graduations and other daily occurrences without one parent, or sometimes without both and they profoundly miss that significant presence as a regular part of their lives; and

WHEREAS, military children feel the effects of frequent moves and deployment-related transitions that can be difficult and sometimes stressful as they face the loss of friendships made and the stress of new places and new faces to come while often experiencing anxieties and concerns over their parents safety; and

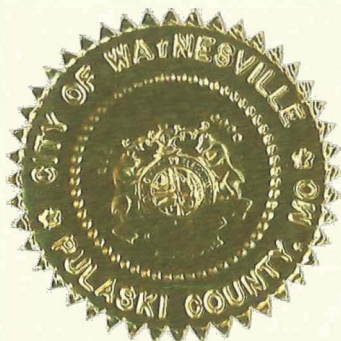
WHEREAS, each April, Americans pause to recognize our nations military children during the Month of the Military Child – a nationwide observance that highlights the important special place these children have in our armed forces community; and

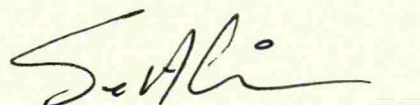
WHEREAS, the lives of military families are challenging and the citizens of Waynesville, Missouri take this opportunity to thank those families who make daily sacrifices in support of their family member's service to the United States of America, and we especially remember the children of those military families and join to express our love and support for each and everyone one of them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, *Sean A. Wilson*, Mayor of the City of Waynesville, MO., do hereby proclaim April 2023 as the:

Month of the Military Child

and I urge all citizens to recognize this month by showing their appreciation for the sacrifices, strength and dedication these children possess as their loved ones fight to protect the freedoms we all share. .




MAYOR