Proclamation

Military Child Month

April 2020

WHEREAS: Military children face a unique set of challenges when compared to their friends or even their parents. To honour the sacrifices of the children of the military community, April is recognized as Month of the Military Child.

WHEREAS: According to the Vanier Institute of the Family, 75 per cent of military couples have children, and there are currently 500,000 children of military members or veterans. The average serving member spends 25 per cent of the time away from home.

WHEREAS: The statistics indicate that many military families do face trying times, more significantly impacting military children. Separation and relocation play a major role in these challenges.

WHEREAS: The 2013 Ombudsman of National Defence Report, On the Homefront, acknowledged that relocation has a tremendous impact on a child’s schooling. Many children are forced to play catch up.

WHEREAS: These challenges have not gone unnoticed by the Canadian Armed Forces. Military leadership and organizations are pulling together to address the needs of the children. Despite the statistics and challenges, the children of the military community continue to flourish and succeed. That fact and their sacrifices deserve a moment of reflection to honour the boys and girls of the military community.

THEREFORE: The Council of Morinville does hereby declare April 2020, as Military Child Month in Morinville.

Mayor Barry Turner

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