

**CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Executive Order PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENT MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States of America in active duty posts in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world; and

WHEREAS, More than 21,000 of Indiana's children and youth have been directly affected by the military deployment of at least one parent; and

WHEREAS, These children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children and youth;

WHEREAS, The recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children and youth for their commitment, their struggles and their unconditional support of our troops – because when parents serve in the military, their kids are heroes too; and

WHEREAS, A month-long salute to military children and youth will encourage local community support to provide direct support to military children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2013, as

THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in the City of West Lafayette and I do hereby urge all citizens, business and government leaders to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support and thank military children.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of West Lafayette at the Mayor's Office, this 5th day of March, 2013.

Mayor John Dennis, Mayor
City of West Lafayette