RESOLUTION #22-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD AND PURPLE UP FOR MILITARY KIDS

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Board of Education seeks to honor thousands of brave Americans who have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that military children are directly affected by the military deployment or separation of at least one parent and the difficult reintegration period that follows all deployments; and

WHEREAS, the Board holds these military children as a source of pride and honor to us all; thus, it is fitting that the Board lets our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their struggles, and their unconditional support of our troops though our recognition of the "Month of the Military Child," first established in 1986 by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, and agrees that when their parents serve, "Kids Serve Too."

WHEREAS, the Board encourages everyone to wear purple on Thursday, April 14, 2022, as a visible sign to thank military children for their strength and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports a month-long salute to military children in April to encourage the local community to provide direct support to military children and families and reinforce the strong partnership that we have cultivated between Madison City Schools and the Armed Forces of the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City of Madison Board of Education recognizes and celebrates April 2022 to be the "Month of the Military Child" and April 14, 2022, to be "Purple Up for Military Kids.".

Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President

Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Superintendent and Secretary