

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 109

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Joint Resolution No. 109.

This resolution designates the month of April of each year as "Military Appreciation Month" and the last full week of April of each year as "Military Appreciation Week" in New Jersey.

In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established the month of April as the "Month of the Military Child." Secretary Weinberger wanted to highlight the trials and tribulations that military children endure from having a parent who serves in the Armed Forces. Military families move three times more often than civilian families and military children are often asked to shoulder responsibilities and burdens well beyond their years.

Since 1986, the Department of Defense has commemorated April as the "Month of the Military Child," and implemented various programs to aid military children and families. There has also been an increasing number of awareness campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children. It is therefore proper and fitting for the State of New Jersey to commemorate military children by designating the month of April of each year as "Military Child Appreciation Month" and the last full week of April of each year as "Military Child Appreciation Week" in New Jersey.