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# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, thousands of brave American service members from South Dakota have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States of America around the globe;

*WHEREAS*, a great number of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines have left families with children behind while serving;

*WHEREAS*, over 1,500 military children and youth in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties alone have at least one parent currently serving in the armed forces;

*WHEREAS*, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all in Sioux Falls and South Dakota, and it is only fitting that we take time to celebrate their spirit and recognize their contributions, letting our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children;

*WHEREAS*, the recognition of April 15, 2014, as Purple Up! For Military Kids Day will allow us to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, struggles, and unconditional support of our troops—because when parents serve in the military, their children serve too;

*WHEREAS*, a special day to salute our military children will encourage support for Operation: Military Kids; guard, reserve, and active duty military families; and other organizations established to provide local support to military children and families—families that are in our very own backyards;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Mike T. Huether, Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2014, as

## PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS DAY

in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and I urge all citizens and business and government leaders to observe this day by wearing purple in order to salute, honor, support, and thank our military children in the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sioux Falls to be affixed this 15th day of April 2014.

  
Mike T. Huether, Mayor

