

**PROCLAMATION
MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

April 2014

WHEREAS: Thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America on active duty and in mobilized National Guard and Reserve units at posts in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of military families in Georgia have been directly affected by the military deployment of at least one parent, and sometimes both, or other family members who serve as guardians and caregivers; and

WHEREAS: The sacrifices of these children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all; and

WHEREAS: The recognition of April as 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 children serve too; and

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

Now Therefore, I, James Thomas, Jr., Mayor of Hinesville, Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2014, as:

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in Hinesville Georgia. I urge all residents, private organizations, and businesses to join me in showing appreciation to the children and youth of military families for their exceptional devotion to loved ones who are serving as members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Hinesville to be affixed this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen and in the year of our City One Hundred and Seventy Seven.

Billy Edwards, City Manager

**James Thomas, Jr., Mayor
City of Hinesville**