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*Carlisle Mayor Tim Scott read a proclamation at the Carlisle Borough Office April 23 designating April 2014 as the Month of the Military Child. Members of the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks leadership team, representatives of the War College Class of 2014 and nearly 20 post youth also took part in the ceremony.*

April 23, 2014 -- In front of local elected officials, members of the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks leadership team, representatives of the War College Class of 2014 and nearly 20 post youth, Carlisle Mayor Tim Scott proclaimed that April 2014 is the Month of the Military Child in Carlisle, Pa.

"I'm proud to recognize this important occasion on behalf of the greater Carlisle Community," said Mayor Scott

The proclamation honors the sacrifices and challenges military children make and highlights the important role they play in the Army family at Carlisle Barracks and military installations across the U.S. and around the world. Since 1983, the Department of Defense has recognized military children for the support they provide to their families. There are now 1.8 million children in the military system. Each April, military children are honored across the Department of Defense with a month of activities designed to pay tribute to their specific struggles, determination, and resilience.

"Much focus is spent on their parents' dedication and sacrifices, while children in military families are often overlooked," said Lt. Col. Kim Peeples, Carlisle Barracks garrison commander. "The so-called "military brats" often make huge sacrifices of their own due to the great demands on their parents. This

is a great occasion to thank them and I'm so glad that the Carlisle community is joining us in celebrating this important occasion.”

Across the nation kids participated in Purple Up! for Military Kids on April 15 as a way to show support for military kids.

At Carlisle Barracks events were held to honor military kids including a Family Fun Fair for both on and off-post families. The Fun Fair, scheduled for the first time in conjunction with the post Easter Egg Hunt, featured games, face painting, bouncy houses, dance demonstrations and more.

The post also offered lock-ins, field trips, Family movie nights and specials at the post bowling alley, outdoor recreation and more during the month.