

Utah PIA Military Family Month

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year, 2013, marks Utah PIA's second annual Utah PIA Military Family Month observance ... paying tribute and giving appreciation to military families for their strength, commitment, sacrifices, and unconditional support of our troops; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of brave Utahans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the military and have taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, there are over 18,000 children in Utah who have one or more parents, step- parents, siblings, or extended family members on full-time duty status in military service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the strength and sacrifice of military families who also serve when their family members and other caring adults sacrifice to defend our freedoms, and who provide support to their family members, endure long periods of separation, and move frequently; and

WHEREAS, the children of military men and women face unique challenges, Utah PIA has committed to be an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children which will help military families when they transition from school system to school system across state lines; and

WHEREAS, the spouses, youth and children of our service members are major contributors to the fabric of strength in their classes and schools every day; and military families continue to make significant contributions to families, schools, communities, our State and the Nation, despite prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, these military families are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take the time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and honor their sacrifices;
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Therefore, I, Liz Zentner, President of Utah PIA, do hereby proclaim and recognize November 2013 as Utah PIA Military Family Month, and urge my fellow citizens to observe this month by connecting with military children, military families and the communities where we work, live and play to provide support to all our Utah Military Families and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

