SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 24-25-25

Recognizing April 2025 as MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, as of 2025, the U.S. military comprises approximately 1.32 million active-duty personnel, with more than 1.7 million children under the age of 18 having at least one parent serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2 million military children have experienced a parental deployment since 2001, with 50 percent of service members, when deployed away from their permanent duty stations, leaving families with children behind; and

WHEREAS, military-connected children face unique challenges, including frequent relocations, disruptions in their education, and emotional stress due to parental deployments, making them among the most affected by military life; and

WHEREAS, the daily struggles and personal sacrifices of military-connected children too often go unnoticed, and it is important to recognize their resilience and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense established the Month of the Military Child in 1986 to acknowledge and honor the sacrifices made by military-connected children and to reinforce the nation's support for military families; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the Month of the Military Child encourages support for organizations and initiatives dedicated to providing direct assistance to military children and families, further demonstrating the nation's commitment to those who serve; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Silver Valley Unified School District joins the Secretary of Defense in honoring the children of members of the Armed Forces and recognizes that they too share in the burden of protecting the Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Silver Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby recognizes April 2025 as the "Month of the Military Child" and urges the community to support and uplift military children for their sacrifices and contributions.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Silver Valley Unified School District Governing Board of Trustees on this <u>4th day</u> of March 2025.

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