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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Councilman Mike Gallagher

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SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" in the City of San Antonio.

DATE: April 1, 2015

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully ask for your concurrence in supporting a City Resolution recognizing "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" in San Antonio.

Brief Background

San Antonio is proudly known as "Military City USA" and home to 106,547 veterans according to the 2014 Census. I ask for your assistance in supporting a resolution proclaiming the Friday before Mother's Day "Military Spouse Appreciation Day."

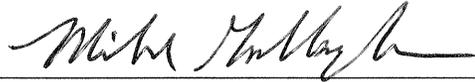
National Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day in May. This year it will be celebrated on Friday, May 8th, 2015. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spousal commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members with Proclamation 5184, dated April 17, 1984. Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National Military Appreciation Month in 1999. Subsequently the Department of Defense standardized the date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as Military Spouse Appreciation Day to show appreciation for the sacrifices of military spouses.

Military Spouse Day was created to honor the spouses of those who serve, be it in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard. Each year, a day is set aside in the United States to recognize what a powerful difference spouses make in the lives of our service members. I ask that the City of San Antonio also recognize and celebrate military spouses' contributions to keeping our country safe. America's military spouses are the backbone of the families who support our troops during mission deployment and reintegration. They are the silent heroes who are essential to the strength of the nation and they serve our country just like their loved ones.

I ask for your support in a resolution recognizing Military Spouse Day to recognize and honor the spouses of the brave members of the military who have given so much to protect our

country.

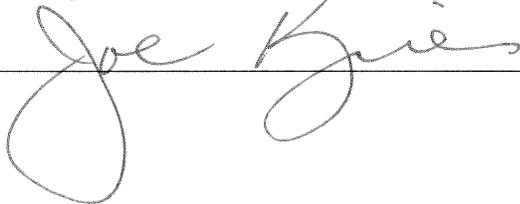
Submitted for Council consideration  
by:



Councilman Mike Gallagher, District 10

Supporting Councilmember's Signatures (4 only)

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# Proclamation 5184 -- Military Spouse Day, 1984

## April 17, 1984

By the President of the United States

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A Proclamation

Since the early days of the Continental Army, the wives of our servicemen have made unselfish contributions to the spirit and well-being of their fighting men and the general welfare of their communities.

Throughout the years, as the numbers of our married men and women in uniform have grown and as their military missions have become more complex and dispersed, their spouses have made countless personal sacrifices to support the Armed Forces. In many instances, they subordinated their personal and professional aspirations to the greater benefit of the service family. Responding to the call of duty, they frequently endured long periods of separation or left familiar surroundings and friends to re-establish their homes in distant places. And there they became American ambassadors abroad.

As volunteers, military spouses have provided exemplary service and leadership in educational, community, recreational, religious, social and cultural endeavors. And as parents and homemakers, they preserve the cornerstone of our Nation's strength -- the American family.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 23, 1984, as Military Spouse Day, in recognition of the profound importance of spouse commitment to the readiness and well-being of service members on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserve, and to the security of our Nation. I invite all the Armed Forces, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, the Departments of Defense and Transportation, the Governors of the several States, the chief officials of local governments, and the people of the United States to observe this day in an appropriate manner.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

Ronald Reagan

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