

AN ACT

relating to designating May 8 as Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.071 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.071. MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY. (a) May 8 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day to recognize the role of the wives and husbands of the brave individuals who serve in the United States armed forces or state military forces. This day commemorates:

(1) the sacrifices military spouses make during the weeks, months, and years a loved one is away from home protecting our freedom; and

(2) the vital support military spouses provide to veterans returning home from military service.

(b) Military Spouse Appreciation Day shall be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities coordinated by the Texas Veterans Commission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1819 passed the Senate on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1819 passed the House on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor