WHEREAS: One of the many ways The Vienna Post 180 American Legion (AL), the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) support the children and youth of Vienna is through its "April is Children and Youth Month" proclamation and programs. And, since 1939 the American Legion along with the American Legion Auxiliary designated April as the Month of the Military Child.

WHEREAS: The Vienna Post 180 AL and the ALA and the SAL recognize the sacrifices children of military, veterans present and past, and citizens make while their family members serve their community and the Nation.

WHEREAS: The Vienna Post 180 AL and ALA and SAL promote patriotism with the dissemination of pamphlets of the U.S. Constitution, the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution by our junior members, essay contests and scholarships.

WHEREAS: The Vienna Post 180 AL and ALA and SAL promote patriotism, responsible citizenship and national security while promulgating and advocating for veterans' rights, and by encouraging the writing of Patriotic essays and by providing scholarships to deserving youth.

WHEREAS: The Vienna Post 180 AL and ALA sponsor Boys State and Girls State, respectively, where upon selected rising high school seniors are given the opportunity to participate in this highly regarded and renowned leadership and citizenship program.

WHEREAS: The Vienna Post 180 AL and AL and SAL present The Good Deed Award to youths who have contributed in a special way to society through community service.

WHEREAS: The Vienna Post 180 AL and ALA have four advocacy priorities: Supporting parents, helping children prepare for success in school, improving early education and child care, and supporting school-age children and youth.

WHEREAS: The Vienna Post 180 SAL contributes to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, which was a national effort established to help support the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. DiRocco, Mayor of the Town of Vienna and on behalf of the Vienna Town Council hereby recognize April 2019 as

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH

The Town of Vienna proclaims and urges all its citizens to support the efforts and activities for the Children and Youth of Vienna during the month of April 2019.

	Laurie A. DiRocco Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Melanie J. Clark, CMC Town Clerk		