

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

WHEREAS, Nearly 1,019 Americans are still classified as missing from the Vietnam War, approximately 7,800 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War, and more than 73,000 from World War II; and

WHEREAS, Their families, friends, and countless Americans continue to feel uncertain about the fate of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, The Obama Administration has recently reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, United States government intelligence and other evidence indicates that Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia are cooperating well, and increased efforts will bring more rapid answers; and

WHEREAS, Our work will never be complete until all of our prisoners of war and missing in action soldiers who have sacrificed bravely in defense of our freedoms are accounted for, and other nations play an important role and can be of great assistance in providing documents and answering questions about unaccounted for American soldiers; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire commends our nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing from our nation's wars;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 16, 2016**, as **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY** in the State of New Hampshire in honor of both returned prisoners of war and the many Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War, and World War II, and ask all residents to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, honor, and respect.

Given this 16th day of September, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor