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POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION
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WHEREAS, nearly 1,630 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, and approximately 7,800 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War and over 73,000 from WWII; and

WHEREAS, their families, friends, and countless other Americans still deal with uncertainty regarding their fates; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has recently reinforced its commitment to maintain POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Government intelligence and other evidence indicate that Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia are cooperating well, however, increased efforts would bring more rapid answers; and

WHEREAS, North Korea provides no current cooperation and countries such as Russia and China could provide much greater assistance in locating documents and responding to questions about unaccounted-for Americans; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the United States Territory of American Samoa commends, supports and shares our Nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing from our nation's past wars and conflicts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the United States Territory of American Samoa calls on the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to consistently raise with foreign counterparts the need for increased actions to help account for and return our missing to the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the United States Territory of American Samoa calls on Congress to ensure that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency receives the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the mission of accounting for our unreturned veterans thus signaling nations around the world that America stands behind those who serve; and be it further

American Samoa in honor of all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War and WWII, and ask all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and caused the Seal of my Office on this 14th day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.



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