



WHEREAS, as Americans, we must pledge to never forget the many brave men and women who fought to defend our country during times of war; and,

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1990, the 101st Congress passed U.S. Public Law 101-355, recognizing the National League of Families POW/MIA Flag and designated it as a symbol of our concern for all American prisoners of war and for those who are still missing in action; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 142,000 Americans since World War I have endured the hardships of captivity as prisoners of war; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 83,115 Americans are still missing in action from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, we must never forget the debt we owe these men and women who loyally served our nation in battle, we must never take for granted their contributions and sacrifices, and we must remember to honor those who selflessly put themselves in harm's way so that we may live in peace; and,

WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day serves as a reminder that our nation will never forget the courageous men and women who serve in America's Armed Forces and pays tribute to all American prisoners of war and those missing in action;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017, as **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY** in Illinois in honor of our national heroes who made so many sacrifices for justice, freedom, and democracy.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this TWELFTH day of SEPTEMBER , in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

SEVENTEEN , and of the State of Illinois,

one hundred and NINETY-NINTH .



Bruce Rauner

SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR