



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

**Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** throughout American history, generations of military servicemen and women have bravely sacrificed much to protect our country, our people and our freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of thousands of these brave patriots were either captured in conflict and imprisoned by an enemy or went missing in action, never to return to their homeland; and
- WHEREAS,** families, friends of those missing and countless other Americans still deal with a lack of certainty regarding their fates; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal government has recently reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana commends, supports and shares our nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from our nation's past wars and conflicts and calls on the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to consistently help account for and return our missing and unaccounted-for personnel to the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** we are forever indebted and deeply grateful for those who have sacrificed their own safety and freedom for our nation.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2020 as

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**  
in the State of Louisiana.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand*