



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

POW/MIA Recognition Day

WHEREAS, 1,589 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, 7,663 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and 72,707 from World War II, though thousands from World War II are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS, there are currently six servicemen from Rhode Island still considered missing in action from the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the families and friends of unaccounted for Vietnam War veterans, as well as countless fellow veterans and other Americans, still await recovery of their remains or clarity regarding their fates; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island 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

WHEREAS, we will never forget the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served our country, and to always support our nation's efforts to account for our missing, alive and dead, and return them to the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2019, as: ***POW/MIA Recognition Day*** in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this day and honor all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War, and World War II.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 22 day of August, 2019

A large, stylized black ink signature of Gina M. Raimondo, written over a horizontal line.

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

A large, stylized black ink signature of Nellie M. Gorbea, written over a horizontal line.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State