



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
POW/MIA Recognition Day

WHEREAS, 1,609 Americans are still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,745 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and 73,054 from World War II, though thousands from World War II are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS, there are currently seven servicemen from Rhode Island who are 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 15, 2017, 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 8 day of September, 2017


Gina M. Raimondo
Governor


Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State