

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of American service members who suffered or still suffer in captivity while on active duty, or who were or remain Missing in Action; and,

*Whereas*, In each of America's past wars, many who served were captured by the enemy or listed as missing in action; and,

*Whereas*, Their families, friends, and other concerned Americans still must deal with uncertainty concerning their fates; and,

*Whereas*, The United States Government should continue the quest to fully account for every service member classified as Missing in Action and honor all former Prisoners of War; and,

*Whereas*, In South Dakota, the POW/MIA flag is flown at the State Capitol, and throughout the state of South Dakota, as a symbol of that unwavering commitment; and,

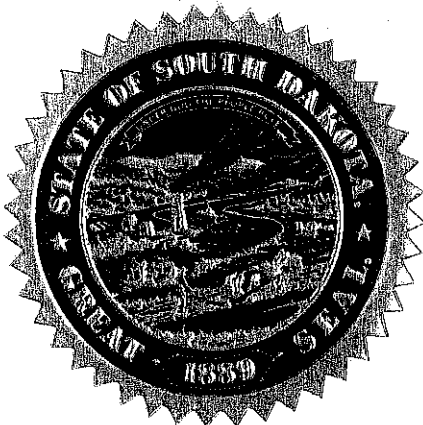
*Whereas*, By South Dakota statute, the third Friday of September has been designated as POW/MIA Recognition Day, a day to remember and recognize the sacrifices endured by those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were held as prisoners of war or remain missing in action:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017, as

## **PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY**

in South Dakota, a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, those still missing, and to their families. I call on all South Dakotans to join me in honoring those men and women and their loved ones.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State