

# Governor's Proclamation



## POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

**WHEREAS**, more than 72,000 Americans remain unaccounted for from WWII, though thousands from WWII are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses, over 7,600 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, more than 1,500 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, 126 from the Cold War, 6 from Iraq Theater and other conflicts also remain unaccounted for; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of missing or unaccounted for from Wyoming in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War stands at 211; and

**WHEREAS**, the families and friends of missing and unaccounted-for Veterans, as well as countless fellow Veterans and other Americans, still await recovery and identification of their remains or, if determined unrecoverable, certainty regarding their fates; and

**WHEREAS**, we will not forget these patriots who were willing to give their all to preserve and protect our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wyoming takes great pride in and reinforces solid commitment to account as fully as possible for the Americans still missing from our nation's wars; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming calls on Congress to ensure that POW/MIA-related government offices and organizations receive the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the principled mission of accounting for our missing Veterans, thus signaling to nations around the world that America stands behind those who serve; and

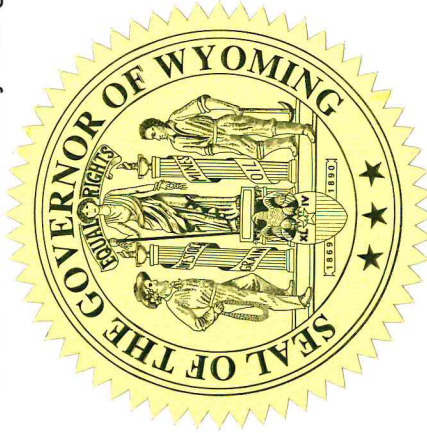
**WHEREAS**, the state of Wyoming will always stand firm with this pledge to those who are unaccounted for: "Relentless Pursuit, A Determined Nation."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mark Gordon**, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2020 as

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in the State of Wyoming and encourage our citizens to join in saluting all American POWs and those missing in action who valiantly served our country and ask citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.



*Mark Gordon*

The Honorable Mark Gordon  
33<sup>rd</sup> Governor of the Great State of Wyoming