

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** More than 136,000 American men and women have been held captive by hostile powers during their military service, and more than 86,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, and the 1991 Gulf War; and
- WHEREAS:** Thousands of American prisoners of war (POWs) have been subjected to harsh and inhumane treatment by their captors that often resulted in death while families, friends, and other concerned Americans must continually deal with the uncertainty concerning their fates; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is home to about 800 POWs including about 600 who were returned to friendly forces, about 200 POWs who died in captivity, and 1,000 veterans who still remain missing in action (MIA) since World War I; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Legislature designated U.S. Highway 26 in Oregon as the POW/MIA Memorial Highway; and
- WHEREAS:** Our nation's veterans who still remain MIA are deserving of national recognition and continued intensive efforts to determine their fates, and where possible, recover their remains for return to their loved ones.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 20, 2019** to be

POW-MIA DAY

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, September 11, 2019.



Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno
Bev Clarno, Secretary of State