



*WHEREAS, over the course of our shared history, members of America's armed forces have made uncommon sacrifices as Prisoners of War (POWs), serving our Nation under conditions of extreme hardship while remaining steadfast, even when their treatment violated fundamental standards of morality and international codes of conduct; and*

*WHEREAS, Americans held as POWs and Americans Missing in Action (MIAs) have earned our respect for their courage and devotion to our Nation, our People, and our cherished values; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans honor our POWs who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom to protect the liberty we enjoy each day; and*

*WHEREAS, we also honor those MIAs and will not forget the pain and suffering of war that continues for their families and friends; and*

*WHEREAS, because we must not neglect to honor the men and women who have served their country so faithfully, the United States Congress established the third Friday in the month of September as America's Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans are today encouraged to join with Americans across the Nation in honoring all present and former American POWs and MIAs and their families;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, September 21, 2018, as*

### **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-first day of September, 2018*



*John W. Hickenlooper*  
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Governor