WHEREAS, 1,590 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War; 7,704 unaccounted for from the Korean War; 126 from the Cold War; and 72,934 from WWII, though thousands from WWII are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has eight unreturned Veterans from the Vietnam War, whose families still live with uncertainty to their fate; and

WHEREAS, successive administrations have reinforced solid commitment to accounting for our Nation’s POW/MLAs as a matter of highest national priority for the United States; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with President Trump’s pledge to support America’s Veterans, we are confident the Trump Administration will end long-standing concerns over adequate funding and personnel; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia are now cooperating well, yet U.S. intelligence and other evidence indicate that increased unilateral and joint efforts would bring more rapid answers; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation and the People’s Republic of China could readily provide much greater assistance in locating and providing documents and responding to questions about unaccounted-for Americans from all wars and conflict since WWII; and

WHEREAS, in view of the rapid and positive repatriation of yet-to-be-determined remains and agreement to pursue further accounting of American POW/MLAs from the Korean War because of the recent meeting between President Trump and DPRK Chairman Kim, hope increases that more concrete unilateral and joint recovery and identification efforts are forthcoming from both sides.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2019, to be

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 9th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-third and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-ninth.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE