



John Bel Edwards  
GOVERNOR

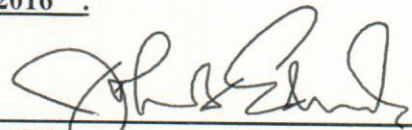
## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** 1,019 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,821 are unaccounted-for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and over 73,000 from WWII; though thousands are unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and
- WHEREAS,** their families, friends, and countless other Americans still deal with a lack of certainty regarding their fates; and
- WHEREAS,** the Obama Administration has recently reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia are now cooperating well, U.S. Government intelligence and other evidence indicate that increased unilateral and joint efforts would bring more rapid answers; and
- WHEREAS,** North Korea provides no current cooperation and countries such as Russia and China could provide much greater assistance in locating documents and responding to questions about unaccounted-for Americans.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, **John Bel Edwards**, governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016 as

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of  
Baton Rouge, on this 16TH day of SEPTEMBER  
A. D., 2016 .*

  
Governor of Louisiana