

WHEREAS, the sacrifice and service of America's veterans, including those who became prisoners of war or who went missing in action, have preserved freedom for America and brought freedom to millions around the world; and

WHEREAS, some of these brave Americans endured capture and imprisonment for their allegiance to our ideals; and

WHEREAS, there are over 500 citizens of Maine who remain unaccounted for as a result of their valiant service; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget those whose fate remains unresolved, but strive to obtain a full account of every American missing in service to our nation from all our wars for the sake of their families who merit freedom from the anguish and uncertainty of not knowing the whereabouts of their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016 as

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of August Two Thousand and Sixteen.

> Paul R. LePage Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

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