The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

WHEREAS, On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we acknowledge that throughout our history, Americans held as prisoners of war and those still listed as missing in action have been called upon to make uncommon sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, In fulfilling their duty as citizens of the United States, they have defended American ideals while suffering unimaginable indignities and brutality while in enemy captivity; and

WHEREAS, All Americans should recognize the special debt we owe our fellow citizens who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom so that we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty; and

WHEREAS, The pain and bitterness of war endure for their families, relatives, friends, and for us, and we will not rest in our efforts to seek answers about the fate of those still missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Maryland pays honorable tribute to our former prisoners of war and those still missing in action.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 as NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY in Maryland, in honor of returned US POWs and all Americans still captured or missing and unaccounted for from all wars and ask all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

Sixth day of September, Two Thousand and nineteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

B. Kelly Schulz
Lt. Governor

John C. Waho
Secretary of State