



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, 1,589 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,663 unaccounted for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and 72,707 from WWII, though thousands from WWII are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS, the families and friends of unaccounted-for Vietnam War Veterans, as well as countless fellow Veterans and other Americans, still await recovery and identification of their remains or, if determined unrecoverable, certainty regarding their fates; and

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

WHEREAS, that the State of Missouri commands, supports and shares our Nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from our Nation's past wars and conflicts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2020, to be

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Missouri as a symbol of commitment to accounting for the highest amount possible, the honoring of all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War, and World War II; and asking all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 12th day of August, 2020.

