August 1, 2019

Dear Friends:

I am honored to recognize September 20, 2019 as “POW/MIA Recognition Day” in the state of Montana.

Montana has a long tradition of military service and Montanans serve at a per capita rate higher than almost every other state in the nation. As of 2017, more than 91,000 veterans live here in Montana, accounting for nearly 12 percent of Montana’s population. I am honored that so many of our fellow Montanans volunteer their service to defend our values and freedom. Unfortunately, too many of them never return to their families and we owe them our debt of gratitude.

Montana’s State Capitol flies a POW/MIA flag every day in honor of Montanans still missing overseas. As part of this day of remembrance, we also display the POW/MIA flag at our Freedom Tree Memorial, which commemorates the Montana Vietnam MIAs still missing. As Governor, I will work tirelessly every day until all of them are accounted for and returned home.

The National POW/MIA Recognition Day is a day to remember the brave sacrifices our nation’s courageous warriors have made for their country. I commend the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia’s efforts to increase support for National POW/MIA Recognition Day and ensure those who are still missing overseas are never forgotten.

I encourage all Montanans to recognize September 20, 2019 as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor