



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, NEW MEXICANS HAVE ALWAYS ANSWERED OUR NATION'S CALL TO SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND MANY HAVE MADE UNCOMMON SACRIFICES AS PRISONERS OF WAR (POW), SERVING OUR COUNTRY UNDER CONDITIONS OF EXTREME HARDSHIP, WHILE REMAINING STEADFAST EVEN WHEN THEIR TREATMENT VIOLATED FUNDAMENTAL STANDARDS OF MORALITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW; AND

WHEREAS, TRAGICALLY, MEMBERS OF OUR MILITARY ARE CAPTURED OR GO MISSING IN EVERY CONFLICT, AND IT IS OUR NATION'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMAIN VIGILANT IN DETERMINING THE STATUS OF AMERICANS WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION (MIA); AND

WHEREAS, AMERICANS HELD AS POW/MIA HAVE EARNED OUR UTMOST RESPECT FOR THEIR COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO OUR COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS, WE MUST ALWAYS HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED OUR GREAT COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS, CONGRESS HAS ESTABLISHED THE THIRD FRIDAY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2016, AS

"NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND I CALL UPON ALL NEW MEXICANS TO JOIN WITH AMERICANS ACROSS OUR NATION IN HONORING ALL PRESENT AND FORMER AMERICAN POWS AND MIAS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND I CALL UPON STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, ACTIVE MILITARY, NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVES, VETERANS, HISTORIANS, EDUCATORS, AND ALL PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE THIS DAY BY FLYING THE POW/MIA FLAG, THE FLAG OF HOPE, AND BY CONDUCTING APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES OR ACTIVITIES IN HONOR OF THESE BRAVE HEROES.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Handwritten signature of Susana Martinez in black ink.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Brad Winter in black ink.

BRAD WINTER
SECRETARY OF STATE

