



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, NEARLY 40,000 FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR CURRENTLY LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS, THESE HEROES WERE TAKEN PRISONER AFTER HAVING PLACED THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY WHILE BRAVELY SERVING OUR COUNTRY AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND

WHEREAS, THESE HEROES RELIED ON THEIR TREMENDOUS STRENGTH, BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL, TO ENDURE AND SURVIVE THEIR CAPTIVITY; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE WORLD WAR ONE, MORE THAN 140,000 AMERICANS WERE HELD AS PRISONERS OF WAR, AND THERE ARE MORE THAN 80,000 WHO ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR AND LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION (MIA); AND

WHEREAS, OF THE MORE THAN 80,000 MIA'S, THERE ARE TWELVE BRAVE MEN MISSING FROM NEW MEXICO; AND

WHEREAS, TODAY IS A DAY ACROSS AMERICA TO HONOR OUR BRAVE SERVICE MEMBERS WHO WERE HELD PRISONER BY ENEMY FORCE AND TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2018, AS

“NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND ON THIS DAY WE HONOR THOSE WHO WITHSTOOD GREAT HARDSHIP WHILE IMPRISONED BY ENEMY CAPTORS AND REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE FATE IS STILL NOT KNOWN. WE URGE OUR LEADERS IN WASHINGTON, AND ALL AMERICANS NATIONWIDE, TO NEVER REST UNTIL THESE MISSING HEROES ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maggie Toulouse Oliver".

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

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susana Martinez".

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

