

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

2017

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed in honor of all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War, and World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,609 Americans are still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,745 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and 73,054 from World War II – 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 of remains or clarity regarding their fates; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States must continue to raise with other nations the need to account for and return our missing and unaccounted-for personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia cooperate with the recovery effort; government intelligence and other evidence indicate that increased unilateral and joint efforts would bring more rapid answers; and

**WHEREAS**, North Korea does not currently cooperate, while the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China could offer greater assistance in locating and providing archival documents and responding to questions about unaccounted-for Americans; and

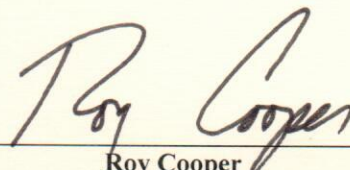
**WHEREAS**, successive administrations have reinforced accounting for our POW/MIAs as a high priority of the United States; however, there remain long-standing concerns over inadequate funding and personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) requires predictable funding and resources to accomplish the mission of accounting for our unreturned veterans; this support signals to nations around the world, and our active duty personnel, that the United States stands behind those who serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina commends, supports, and shares our nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from past wars and conflicts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017, as "**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.