

## Governor's Office

## PROCLAMATION

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY September 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the history of our nation has been built upon the sacrifices, triumphs, and defeats of the many women and men who have endured battle and hardship in defense of our nation's security and freedom; and

WHEREAS, we have supported our soldiers in both wartime and peacetime and have looked forward to their safe return; and

WHERAS, a group of these dedicated men and women have never returned home. Their sacrifices and ordeals will never be known, but their bravery will never be forgotten. These heroic and fearless servicemen and women are our nation's Prisoners of War and our soldiers Missing in Action; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the return and hope for the safety of our troops currently serving overseas, we must also remember and pay tribute to the thousands of servicemen and women who remain unaccounted from the wars throughout our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, our veterans, their families, and all Americans seek to find a renewed commitment to the ideals for which our Prisoners of War and soldiers Missing in Action epitomize through their strength, unity, and resolve to uphold their missions and defend our freedoms. Today we observe and honor their unwavering loyalty to our commonwealth and to our country.

THEREFORE, in honor of our Prisoners of War and our servicemen and women Missing in Action, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2020, to be POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY. I join with the citizens of this commonwealth to remember these American heroes, both past and present, for their courage, sacrifice, and patriotism.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-eighth day of August two thousand twenty, the year of the