



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### **POW/MIA Recognition Day**

**WHEREAS**, 1,598 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, 7,704 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and 72,934 from World War II, though thousands from World War II are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently seven servicemen from Rhode Island still considered missing in action from the Vietnam War; 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 their remains or clarity regarding their fates; and

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

**WHEREAS**, we will never forget the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served our country, and to always support our Nation's efforts to account for our missing, alive and dead, and return them to the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2018, as: ***POW/MIA Recognition Day*** in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this day and honor all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War, and World War II.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 10 day of August, 2018

A blue ink signature of Gina M. Raimondo, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

**Gina M. Raimondo**  
Governor

A blue ink signature of Nellie M. Gorbea, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

**Nellie M. Gorbea**  
Secretary of State