Executive Proclamation
Office of the Governor
State of South Dakota

WHEREAS, Prisoner of War-Missing in Action Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of American service members who suffered or still suffer in captivity while on active duty, or who were or remain Missing in Action; and

WHEREAS, In each of America's wars, many who served were captured by the enemy or listed as missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Their families, friends, and other concerned Americans still deal with uncertainty concerning their fates; and

WHEREAS, The United States Government should continue the quest to fully account for every service member classified as Missing in Action and honor all former Prisoners of War; and

WHEREAS, In South Dakota, the POW/MIA flag is flown at the State Capitol, and throughout the state of South Dakota, as a symbol of that unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, By South Dakota statute, the third Friday of September has been designated as POW/MIA Recognition Day, a day to remember and recognize the sacrifices endured by those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were held as prisoners of war or remain missing in action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2019, as

POW/MIA Day

in South Dakota, a day to remember and honor all former American prisoners of war, those still missing, and to their families, and I call on all South Dakotans to join me in honoring those men and women and their loved ones.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

[Signature]
Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

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Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State