



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Throughout America's history, the selfless individuals of the United States military have boldly answered the call to serve abroad in times of war. They faced countless challenges on the battlefield. They sacrificed much in defense of liberty at home and abroad. They endured hardships far too great to count.

America's fearless warriors witnessed the carnage of World War II, from the shores of Guadalcanal to Normandy's beaches. In Vietnam they fought in the jungle, amongst the dangers of wildlife, harsh terrain, and unseen enemies. In addition to the daily toll of conflict, some faced the unimaginable and unthinkable as prisoners of war. The ultimate sacrifice is still being paid by the service members who have yet to make it home.

Countless friends and families remain undeterred, waiting for answers and the recovery of their loved ones. Among the missing include 100 unreturned Vietnam War veterans from Texas. These brave American soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen are the reason why the Lone Star State sets aside a day in September every year to recognize their sacrifice and the importance of providing the fullest possible accounting for all who are missing. As an eternally grateful nation, we must always honor their faithful strength and immeasurable courage.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to support the friends and family of our veterans who are prisoners of war and missing in action. Let us join them in looking forward to the day when this mission is complete.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim
September 18, 2020, to be

POW/MIA Recognition Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate