



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### **NATIONAL PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, Congress passed a resolution authorizing National Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day to be observed throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1986, the third Friday of September has been the national observance day; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day, the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag is flown across the country as a symbol of the bravery and sacrifice of those who answered the call to serve in our Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day, we pay tribute to our nation's prisoners of war and those who are missing in action, and we stand behind our country's steadfast commitment to account for them; and

**WHEREAS**, we remember the incredible sacrifice of prisoners of war and those missing in action to fight for our freedoms and uphold peace and security around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2018, Virginians come together to express gratitude for these individuals who have served our country;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize September 21, 2018, as **NATIONAL PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth