

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** approximately 83,000 Americans are still missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
- Whereas,** the families, friends, and other persons concerned about these brave Americans must live and deal with the uncertainty concerning their loved one's fate; and
- Whereas,** the bravery, commitment, and selflessness displayed by American soldiers, prisoners of war, those missing in action, and their families, who have fought to secure and preserve our Nation's freedom and security and uphold our democratic values, serve as admirable examples of patriotism and loyalty for all Americans; and
- Whereas,** it is important for all Americans to recognize and be thankful for the sacrifices made by American soldiers and our allies in the past, present, and future; and
- Whereas,** this day of recognition is directed for remembrance, education, and honor upon all American prisoners of war and all the men and women missing in action; and
- Whereas,** we demonstrate our deep gratitude and admiration for our brave patriots not in words alone, but in our actions to bring them home; and
- Whereas,** on *POW/MIA* day, the stark black and white flag honoring America's prisoners of war and those missing in action will be flown at locations across the country as a powerful reminder that our Nation will never cease in our task to recover, remember, and honor the courageous men and women who have served and sacrificed so much for each of us.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby recognize **September 16, 2016** as:

POW/MIA Day

in the Mountain State and dedicate this time to all former American Prisoners of War, those still missing in action, and their families, and call on all citizens to join me in honoring those who have been held captive in war, and

John Scott Albright II, Huntington
Albert Harold Altizer, Squire
Joseph Clair Austin, Moundsville
Jerry Edward Auxier, Dixie
Keith Royal Wilson Curry, Salem
James Edward Duncan, Point Pleasant
Robert W. Hunt, Beckley
Carroll B. Lilly, Morgantown

Danny G. Marshall, Waverly
Michael Robert Norton, Eskdale
Marshall I. Pauley, Milton
Ronald Keith Pennington, Hambleton
Joe Harold Pringle, Horner
Hughie Franklin Snider, New Cumberland
Dean Calvin Spencer, III, Morgantown
James Lawrence Taylor, Nitro

David Wallace Wickham II, Wheeling

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth year of the State.



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Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant

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Secretary of State