

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** 1,598 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,704 unaccounted-for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and 72,734 from WWII, though thousands from WWII are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and
- Whereas,** the families and friends of unaccounted-for Vietnam War Veterans, as well as countless fellow Veterans and other Americans, still await recovery and identification of their remains or, if determined unrecoverable, certainty regarding their fates; 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, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **September 21, 2018** 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 especially those seventeen West Virginians still missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

John Scott Albright II, Huntington

Danny G. Marshall, Waverly

Albert Harold Altizer, Squire

Michael Robert Norton, Eskdale

Joseph Clair Austin, Moundsville

Marshall I. Pauley, Milton

Jerry Edward Auxier, Dixie

Ronald Keith Pennington, Hambleton

David Wallace Wickham II, Wheeling

Keith Royal Wilson Curry, Salem

Joe Harold Pringle, Horner

James Edward Duncan, Point Pleasant

Hughie Franklin Snider, New Cumberland

Robert W. Hunt, Beckley

Dean Calvin Spencer III, Morgantown


Carroll B. Lilly, Morgantown

James Lawrence Taylor, Nitro

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

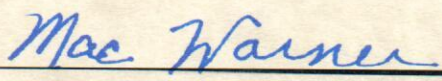
Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.





Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:



Mac Warner
Secretary of State