POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
September 20, 2019

WHEREAS, more than 73,000 Americans remain unaccounted for from WWII, over 7,700 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, more than 1,700 remain unaccounted for the Vietnam War, 126 from the Cold War and 6 from Iraq Theater and other conflicts also remain unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, the number of missing or unaccounted for from Wyoming in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War stands at 241; and

WHEREAS, the families and friends of unaccounted-for 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, we will not forget these patriots who were willing to give their all to preserve and protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming takes great pride in and endorses the national commitment to account as fully as possible for the Americans still missing from our nation’s wars; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming calls on Congress to ensure that POW/MIA-related government offices and organizations receive the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the principled mission of accounting for our missing Veterans, thus signaling to nations around the world that America stands behind those who serve; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming will always stand firm with this pledge to those who are unaccounted for: "Never Forgotten, Their Sacrifice, Our Mission, Ever Onward";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, MARK GORDON, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2019 as

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in the State of Wyoming in honor of all Americans captured, missing and unaccounted for and ask citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 20th day of September, 2019.

[Signature]
The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming