


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

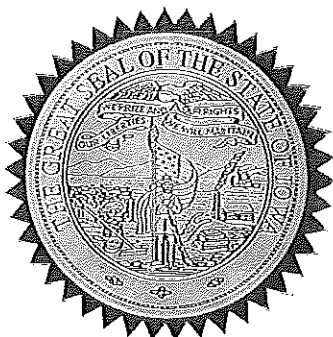
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** nearly 1,019 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,821 are unaccounted-for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and over 73,000 from WWII; though thousands are unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and
- WHEREAS,** their families, friends and other concerned Americans still must deal with uncertainty concerning their fates; and
- WHEREAS,** the Obama Administration has recently reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia are now cooperating well, U.S. government intelligence and other evidence indicate that increased unilateral and joint efforts would bring more rapid answers; and
- WHEREAS,** North Korea provides no current cooperation and countries such as Russia and China could provide much greater assistance in locating documents and responding to questions about unaccounted-for Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Iowa commends, supports and shares our Nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from our nation's past wars and conflicts; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Iowa calls on the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to consistently raise with foreign counterparts the need for increased actions to help account for and return our missing and unaccounted-for personnel to the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Iowa calls on Congress to ensure that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency receives the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the mission of accounting for our unreturned veterans, thus signaling to nations around the world and our active duty personnel that America stands behind those who serve:

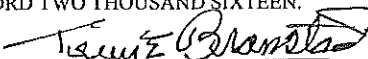
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim, September 16, 2016, as

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in the state of Iowa in honor of all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War and WWII, and ask all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS *9th*
DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE