



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 1,580 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,663 unaccounted-for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and more than 72,000 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 the identification of their remains, or clarity regarding their fates; and

WHEREAS, successive administrations have reinforced accounting for our POW/MIAs as a high priority of the United States; however, there remain long-standing concerns over inadequate funding and personnel; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam and Laos cooperate with the recovery effort, but government intelligence and other evidence indicate that increased unilateral and joint efforts would bring more rapid answers; and

WHEREAS, North Korea, Cambodia, the Russian Federation, and the People's Republic of China could offer greater assistance in locating and providing archival documents and responding to questions about unaccounted-for Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) requires funding and resources to accomplish the mission of accounting for our unreturned veterans; this support signals to nations around the world, as well as our active duty personnel, that the United States stands behind those who serve; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2020, as "**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.