



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

POW/MIA RECOVERY DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 1,584 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,560 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 other than Americans, still await recovery and identification of their remains or, if determined unrecoverable, information regarding their fates; and

WHEREAS, successive administrations have reinforced solid commitment to accounting for our Nation's POW/MIAs as a matter of highest national priority for the United States; 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 State of North Carolina commends, supports and share our Nation's commitment to account as fully as possible Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from our Nation's past wars and conflicts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2021, as "**POW/MIA RECOVERY 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 fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.