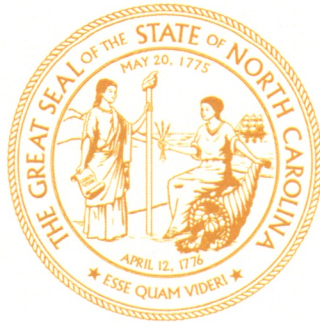




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day was established in 1979 and is commemorated annually on the third Friday of September; and

WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day in North Carolina is an opportunity to honor and recognize these brave service members and the families, friends, and veterans awaiting recovery and identification of missing and unaccounted for service members from our nation's past and current wars and conflicts; and

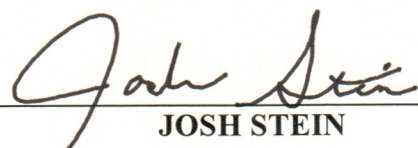
WHEREAS, World War II pilot Newt Haisley designed the POW/MIA flag, made in black and white to symbolize sorrow, anxiety, and hope, and since 2019, the POW/MIA flag has flown continuously at all federal locations where the United States flag is flown; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA flag is flown over the North Carolina State Capitol on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and all other national holidays honoring veterans; and

WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day in North Carolina is an opportunity to honor service members who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2026, as "**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance.




JOSH STEIN
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 eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.