



Proclamation

In Recognition of

POW/MIA Recognition Day

WHEREAS, a Congressional Act on July 18, 1979, authorized the observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday of every September to honor the extraordinary heroism of the brave, selfless service members who sacrificed their freedom or lives so that their fellow Americans may continue to live in peace and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense estimates that today about 1,600 Americans remain missing or unaccounted for from the Vietnam War era. In addition, more than 7,800 are unaccounted for from the Korean War Conflict, 126 from the Cold War Era, and more than 73,000 from World War II; and

WHEREAS, successive administrations have reinforced our priority to finding the remains and bringing home our nation's POW/MIAs; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Families POW/MIA flag will be flown at designated federal institutions, on the grounds of the Hawai'i State Capitol, and the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, the countries of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are now cooperating more fully than in past decades, and United States government intelligence and other evidence indicate that these increased unilateral and joint efforts will bring more rapid answers; and

WHEREAS, the consolidated Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, is committed to the recovery of and accounting for missing service members from past conflicts with better management of family services, state of the art equipment for research and identification, and efficient operations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i will always honor and never forget these men of courage: USAF 1st Lt. David Anthony Lum; USMC 1st Lt. John Robert Peacock II; USAF SSG Klaus Jürgen Bingham; USAF SGT Leonard Masayon Tadios; USAF SrA Ronald Kazuo Miyazaki; USAF CPL Richard D. Martin; and John R. Tavares; and

WHEREAS, the Eternal Flame Memorial in Honolulu, dedicated to all the brave men and women of Hawai'i who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, will remain lit with love and aloha from Hawai'i for these missing persons and their journey home; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017 as

"POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY"

in the State of Hawai'i to honor all Americans who remain missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War and World War II, and ask all citizens to observe this day with respect honor.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of September 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i