



Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 American soldiers and military personnel remain missing or unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, it is our obligation to commit our best and continual efforts to account for missing service members and support the families who are waiting for their return home; and

WHEREAS, agencies and organizations, such as the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, the National League of POW/MIA Families, and the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, are committed to recovering information about personnel listed as POW or MIA; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. government has been jointly working with the governments of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia to recover information and bodies from the conflicts in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the walls of the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu are engraved with the names of over 28,000 Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, seven military servicemen from the State of Hawai'i remain missing or unrecovered; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawai'i will always honor and remember these men of courage—USAF 1st Lt David Anthony Lum, USMC 1st Lt John Robert Peacock II, USA SSG Klaus Jürgen Bingham, USA SGT Leonard Masayon Tadios, USAF SrA Ronald Kazuo Miyazaki, USA CPL Richard D. Martin, and John R. Tavares;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2020 as

“POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to never forget our fellow Americans who remain missing and unaccounted for and ask all citizens to observe this day with respect and honor.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i