



Proclamation

WHEREAS, service members who suffered in enemy captivity and those still missing from the nation's wars deserve our deepest respect for their honor, valor and tested heroism; and

WHEREAS, for the families and friends of those who remain missing in action, the pain and grief is compounded by a lack of closure, and for many of the service members who made it home, the physical and emotional scars from their service experiences are constant reminders of the suffering they endured in captivity; and

WHEREAS, under the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) is commissioned to provide to the families and to the nation the fullest possible accounting of our nation's soldiers and DoD personnel missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and other recent conflicts—all from which more than 80,000 Americans remain missing; and

WHEREAS, of the 161 missing American soldiers and DoD personnel whose home of record is Hawai'i, only 8 have been accounted for and 153 remain unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, unaccounted for DoD personnel are those who went missing during a designated conflict and who have not been accounted for, including: civilian employees of the DoD components; civilian employees of contractors to the DoD components; civilian employees of contractors of other U.S. government departments and agencies; employees of humanitarian agencies accredited to the military services (i.e., the American Red Cross and the United Services Organization); and members of civilian organizations credited with active military service (i.e., Merchant Marines and the American Volunteer Group); and

WHEREAS, the collective work of DPAA, family organizations, veterans, public and private entities, foreign governments, and academia strengthens our nation's mission to recover and identify missing Americans from prior conflicts;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2022 as

“POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in honoring our nation's POWs, former POWs, the missing personnel, and those who made it home, and show support for the families of missing loved ones as our nation strives to bring them home.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of August 2022.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i