



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, as we support the members of our Armed Forces in wartime and in peace, we look forward to their safe return yet recognize it is not guaranteed; and

**WHEREAS**, there remains a group of our Patriots who have never returned home, whose suffering and sacrifices will never be known, and whose bravery will never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Tennesseans still unaccounted since World War II is currently listed at 1,419 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of our Prisoners of War and our service members Missing in Action, the efforts to bring home those who gave everything to their country will not cease until we take full account of that number; and

**WHEREAS**, we take great pride in our country that has not given up efforts to locate, identify and return all to U.S. soil; and

**WHEREAS**, today serves as a reminder that the cost of war extends far beyond the last battle; and

**WHEREAS**, we stand beside the service members and their families who suffered during their captivity, and we stand now and forever with the families who are still waiting to be reunited with their loved one;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 17 through September 21, 2018 as

*POW/MIA Recognition Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-third day of August, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Steve Roper*

Secretary of State