



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the 101st Congress of the United States passed legislation in August 1990 to recognize the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag and to designate it "as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation;" and

WHEREAS, more than eighty-three thousand Americans, to include more than 200 Tennesseans, are still missing or unaccounted for since World War II; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2012, the stark black and white flag honoring America's prisoners of war and those missing in action will be flown over the Tennessee State Capitol and other locations in our towns and cities and throughout the entire country as a symbol of our commitment to achieving the fullest possible accounting for the courageous American service members who are still unaccounted for as a result of hostile action; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, the week beginning the third Friday of September and extending through the following Thursday of each year is designated as Tennessee P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Week in recognition of the sacrifices of the citizens who were captured by the enemy or are missing in action; and

WHEREAS, we must never forget those brave patriots, and we should demonstrate our deepest gratitude and admiration for the unthinkable suffering of those service members and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2012, 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 6th day of August, 2012.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Julie Haydt in blue ink.

Secretary of State