



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, 1,584 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,560 unaccounted-for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and 72, 481 from World War II, though thousands from WWII are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; 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 these numbers; and

WHEREAS, we commend, support, and share our Nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from our Nation's past wars and conflicts; 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, 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;

WHEREAS, today's recognition serves as a reminder that the cost of war extends far beyond the last battle;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2021 as

POW/MIA Recognition Day

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 seventh day of June, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Sei Hargett

Secretary of State