



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are eighty-three thousand, three hundred ninety-eight Americans and two hundred five Tennesseans still missing or unaccounted for since World War II; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1990, the 101st Congress recognized the National League of Families POW/MIA Flag and designating it "as a 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." Beyond Southeast Asia, it has been a symbol for POW/MIAs from all American Wars; 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 POW / MIA Recognition Week in acknowledgement of the sacrifices of the citizens who were captured by the enemy or are missing in action; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2013, as a symbol of commitment to achieving the fullest possible accounting for the courageous American service members who are still unaccounted for as a result of hostile action, the stark black and white flag honoring our nations prisoners of war and those still missing in action will be flown over the Tennessee State Capitol and other locations in our towns and cities and throughout the entire country; 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 20 through September 26, 2013, 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 twelfth day of August, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hight in blue ink.

Secretary of State

