



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1990, the 101st Congress recognized the National League of Families POW/MIA Flag and designated it as “a symbol of our Nation's concerns and commitment to resolve 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, we, as a nation, still have more than eighty-three thousand Americans missing or unaccounted for since World War II, more than two hundred of which are Tennesseans; 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 acknowledgment of the sacrifices of the citizens who were captured by the enemy or are missing in action; and

WHEREAS, we will continue to honor our brave patriots who have answered the call to defend the freedoms and fundamental liberties that our great nation was founded upon and have paid the heavy price of being a prisoner of war or are still missing in action; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2014, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 19 through September 25, 2014, 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 seventh day of August, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Vargit".

Secretary of State

