

WHEREAS; two decades ago, our state passed 2001 Wisconsin Act 100 designating the third Friday of every September as Prisoners of War-Missing in Action (POW-MIA) Recognition Day, in conjunction with the federal observance; and

WHEREAS; POW–MIA Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of the United States service members—including the thousands of Wisconsinites—who were held or continue to be held in captivity as prisoners of war while on active duty, or who were or remain missing in action; and

WHEREAS; our state commends the profound courage and determination required of all current and former American service members, and honors the remarkable bravery and resilience of all POW–MIA service members, as well as the sacrifices of their family members, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin, we commemorate our nation’s prisoners of war and missing in action service members by flying the black and white POW–MIA flag over the north wing of the State Capitol Building year-round; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins veterans’ organizations across our state and country, along with the families and friends of POW-MIA service members, in recognizing the service and sacrifice of all prisoners of war and in supporting the federal government’s efforts to recover the thousands of service members who remain missing, so as to honor their contributions and bring justice and closure to their loved ones and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 17, 2021, as

PRISONERS OF WAR–MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 7th day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State