

WHEREAS; for the almost two decades since the passage of 2001 Wisconsin Act 100, Prisoners of War – Missing in Action (POW-MIA) Recognition Day has been observed across Wisconsin on the third Friday of every September; and

WHEREAS; POW–MIA Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of United States service members—including thousands of Wisconsinites—who were held or continue to be held in captivity as Prisoners of War (POWs) while on active duty, or who were or remain Missing in Action (MIA); 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 personnel, as well as the sacrifices of their family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin commemorates the contributions of all POW–MIA service members year-round by flying the black and white POW–MIA flag over the north wing of the State Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS; today, we join the United States and affiliate organizations in recognizing the service and sacrifice of all POWs and in reaffirming our commitment to recovering as many MIA service members as possible, so as to honor their contributions and bring justice and closure to their family, friends, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 18, 2020, as

PRISONERS OF WAR – MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY

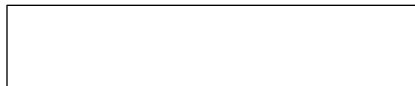
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

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 3rd day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State