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

WHEREAS: POW-MIA Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of United States service members 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: the State of Wisconsin recognizes 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 marked sacrifices of their family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS: according to the Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency, thousands of former service members from Wisconsin are still missing, including one from the Cold War, 26 from the Vietnam War, 164 from the Korean War, and 1,323 from WWII, though thousands from World War II have been assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS: the United States Government and affiliate organizations should continue to recognize the sacrifices of all POWs and strive to recover as many MIA service members as possible, so as to honor their contributions and bring justice and closure to their family, friends, and communities; 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 Capitol each day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 20, 2019, as

POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 12th day of September 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State