  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** nearly 1,650 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, approximately 7,800 unaccounted for from the Korean War, 128 from the Cold War, over 73,000 from WWII, and six MIA in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS,** their families, friends and other concerned Americans still must deal with uncertainty concerning their fates; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Government intelligence and other evidence indicate that most countries in which U.S. losses occurred could provide greater assistance to answer questions about missing Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Iowa commends and endorses the national commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing from our nation's wars; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Iowa calls on the President, Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense to consistently raise with foreign counterparts the need for increased action to help account for our missing and return them to the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Iowa calls on Congress to ensure that the POW/MIA-related government officials and organizations assist in accomplishing the principled mission of accounting for our missing veterans, thus signaling nations around the world that America stands behind those who serve:

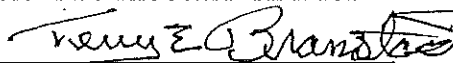
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim, September 18, 2015, as

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

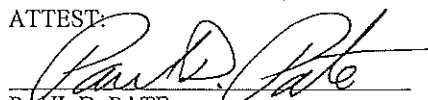
in the state of Iowa in honor of all returned U.S. POW's and captured, missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War and WWII, and ask all citizens of Iowa to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-  
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED  
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO  
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 18th  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE