



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POW & MIA RECOGNITION DAY

**WHEREAS:** There are 28 Georgians and 1,584 total Americans still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,560 unaccounted for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and 72,481 from World War II; and

**WHEREAS:** The families and friends of unaccounted for veterans still await recovery and identification of their remains or, if determined unrecoverable, information regarding their fates; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia commends the brave men and women who put their lives on the line in service to their country and recognizes that the cost of war is still felt by families throughout Georgia and the nation long after the final battle is fought; and

**WHEREAS:** Accounting for our nation's POW/MIAs is a matter of highest national priority for the United States as we refuse to allow our brave servicemembers to go unrecognized; and

**WHEREAS:** On POW/MIA Recognition Day, the State of Georgia honors all Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War, World War II, and all other conflicts, and asks all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia affirms the importance of and supports the national commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and conflicts; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2021 as PRISONER OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

*B.P.K.*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Markus Kilpatrick*

CHIEF OF STAFF

