



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

- WHEREAS:** Twenty-eight Georgians are still missing from the Vietnam War, 155 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, one from the Cold War, and 364 from World War II, though thousands from World War II are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and
- WHEREAS:** The families and friends of these unaccounted-for veterans still await recovery and identification of their loved ones' remains or, if determined unrecoverable, certainty regarding their fates; and
- WHEREAS:** On POW/MIA Recognition Day, we pause to acknowledge, with deep reverence, the brave Americans who were held in captivity and those whose fates have never been resolved, remembering that their families continue to suffer; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize that our nation feels the cost of war long after the last battle is fought and refuse to allow the sacrifices of our brave servicemembers to go unrecognized; and
- WHEREAS:** Now and forever, Georgians will stand with the families and friends of servicemembers as they await news of their loved ones who are deployed overseas; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia fully supports the national commitment to account as fully as possible for the Americans still missing from our nation's wars; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2019 as POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY in Georgia and urge all Georgians to pay special honor to the Americans who have been prisoners or war, to those who remain missing in action, and to the families and friends of these valiant servicemembers.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF