

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since the founding of our nation, millions have answered the call of duty to defend our country and fight for freedom, liberty and peace both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Defense, there are still 1,641 missing and unaccounted for Americans from the Vietnam War, including more than 70 Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, approximately 83,000 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Iraq War and other conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the families, friends and fellow veterans of prisoners of war or those missing or killed in action experience the agony of loss, pain and sadness in the absence of their loved ones. The uncertainty of their fate leaves wounds that can never be completely healed; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii and the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting were combined to form the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to conduct search, recovery and laboratory operations around the world to identify unaccounted-for Americans; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we honor prisoners of war and those missing in action for their heroic service to our nation. We owe them and their families a debt of gratitude which can never be fully repaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 19, 2014 as

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in honoring the sacrifice of our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

On this 19th day of September, 2014;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

