

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** 1,606 Americans are still missing in action and accounted for from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,744 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and 73,119 from WWII; and

**WHEREAS,** their families, friends, and other countless Americans still deal with uncertainty concerning their fates; and

**WHEREAS,** U.S. service members continue to serve at significant personal risk, and we have profound gratitude for the courage, determination, and resolve of POWs and MIAs, and remain mindful of their families, friends, and fellow veterans who continue to wait for resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont commends, supports, and shares our nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and conflicts; and

**WHEREAS,** calls on the President, U.S. Secretary of State and the U.S. Secretary of Defense to consistently raise with foreign counterparts the need for increased actions to account for and return to the United States our missing and unaccounted-for personnel.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017 as

**POW AND MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of August, A.D. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs