

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, 1,598 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,704 unaccounted for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and 72,934 from WWII, though thousands from WWII are assessed as unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS, the families and friends of unaccounted for Vietnam War Veterans, as well as countless fellow veterans and other Americans, still await recover and identification of their remains or, if determined unrecoverable, certainty regarding their fates; and

WHEREAS, both the current and successive administrations have reinforced solid commitment to accounting for our nation's POW/MIA as a matter of highest priority for the United States; 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, Vermont 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.

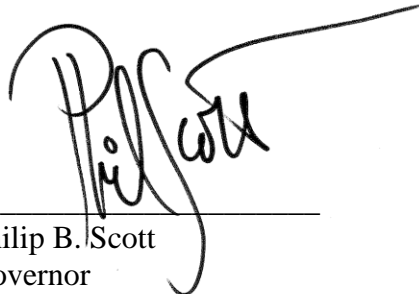
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2018 as

POW AND MIA RECOGNITION DAY


in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of August, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott
Governor



Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs