



Proclamation

WHEREAS: over 1300 Americans remain unaccounted for as a result of the tragic Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS: Article 8b of the Paris Peace Agreement of January 27, 1973 and the supplemental Agreement of June 13, 1973 called on all parties to agree to help each other obtain information on the Missing in Action and locate the graves of the dead; and

WHEREAS: North Vietnam was to assume the responsibility for the release and accounting of all the missing and captured Americans throughout Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS: the more than 300 Americans reported missing in Laos have remained in total as MIA's without a single accounting by the Pathet Lao; and

WHEREAS: nearly 100 Americans were reported in various news sources throughout the world as prisoners and have never been accounted for by the Communist forces; and

WHEREAS: there should be mounted a great cry of outrage over such failures in accounting of prisoners by the Communist Nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 15, 1973 to be

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in Minnesota. Furthermore, I urge all citizens to join their civic leaders in taking time to contact our President and Congress, asking that they demand in the strongest possible terms that all additional remaining prisoners be returned and all of our Missing in Action be accounted for.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Allen J. Erdahl

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