



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: America's men and women have served their country heroically and faithfully since the Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of Americans and Minnesotans who have served in these wars were captured by the enemy or became missing in action; and
- WHEREAS: Over 2,400 such men and women remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, including 44 Minnesotans, and over 8,800 remain unaccounted for from the Korean Conflict, including 121 Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The American government is still receiving reports of the possibility that many missing in action/prisoners of war (MIA/POW) are alive and being held against their will, thus creating an unbearable uncertainty among the families and loved ones of the missing; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has put the MIA/POW issue to the national forefront by flying the MIA/POW flag on the Minnesota Capitol Building; designating by legislative resolution the display of a red ribbon as a "red badge of courage" regarding our missing citizens; and by an executive order of the Governor urging the display of a red ribbon on public buildings as a symbol of awareness for those unaccounted for on the congressionally designated day of recognition (September 18, 1987); and
- WHEREAS: All veteran's organizations and all concerned citizens in the nation and Minnesota have set aside this day of recognition and a week of awareness to educate themselves and promote a speedy accounting for those listed as missing in action in all wars, especially the Korean and Vietnam conflicts; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, this week of awareness will culminate in ceremonies on the Minnesota Capitol grounds on Sunday, September 20, 1987;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 13 through September 19 to be

MIA/POW AWARENESS WEEK

and September 18 to be

MIA/POW RECOGNITION DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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 eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe #37634
SECRETARY OF STATE