



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: America's men and women have served their country heroically since the Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of Americans have served in those wars, were captured by the enemy or became Missing in Action; and
- WHEREAS: Over 2,100 such men and women are still left officially unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, including 41 Minnesota men; and
- WHEREAS: Additional servicemen remain unaccounted for from the Korean conflict; and
- WHEREAS: The American government is still receiving reports that indicate the possibility that many others are still alive and being held, thus creating a situation many citizens of Minnesota consider unbearable; and
- WHEREAS: President Ronald Reagan has said, "We accept and remember our obligation to those missing servicemen. Until the POW/MIA issue is resolved, it will remain a matter of the highest national priority;" and
- WHEREAS: This nation now enjoys the blessings of peace because of all its veterans and their dedication to duty, honor and sacrifice, and because we recognize this special debt we owe those Prisoners of War and Missing in Action; and
- WHEREAS: President Reagan has proclaimed September 19, 1987 as "National POW/MIA Recognition Day" and has requested that each state also designate a day; and
- WHEREAS: All POW/MIA organizations, veterans groups and all concerned citizens have requested that a day in September be set aside for all Minnesotans to gather to show their support for a speedy solution to this unresolved POW/MIA situation;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rully Persich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 14 through September 20 to be

POW/MIA RECOGNITION WEEK

and September 20 to be

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to show their support for these Veterans who, even while missing, are still serving their country.

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

*Rully Persich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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