



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 to honor and recognize our brave servicemembers who are classified as Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA); and

WHEREAS, the day is commemorated annually on the third Friday of September; and

WHEREAS, Florida commends and affirms that our Nation is not deterred from pursuing missions to fully account for our service members who are still missing and unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, Floridians stand with POWs, MIAs, and their families, and will always support those who serve our nation in defense of the values we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA flag is flown daily over the Florida Capitol, rest areas along Florida's interstate highways, Florida's State Veterans' Homes, and at Florida's state parks to honor POW/MIAs and their service; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, a seven-foot replica of a POW/MIA bracelet was installed at Florida's Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Tallahassee; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville is home to the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum; and

WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day in Florida is an opportunity to honor all American POWs and those still missing and unaccounted for from all wars, and to remember our Gold Star Families who seek a full accounting of the status of their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 18, 2026, as *POW/MIA Recognition Day in Florida* and ask citizens to observe *this day with reverence*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 17th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-six.


Governor