

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 217,000 Americans have been confined by enemies of the United States during the last one hundred years, with many enduring brutal and inhumane treatment by their captors in violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1,600 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,500 unaccounted for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and over 72,000 from WWII, though thousands are unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS, families and friends of these missing Americans, as well as their fellow veterans, endure uncertainty concerning their fate; and

WHEREAS, as a nation founded on the principles of civil rights and justice, we have a moral obligation to continue to make every effort to ascertain the truth about these Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2021, as

POW/MIA Recognition Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in honoring the bravery and perseverance of former prisoners of war, those still missing, and their families.

Signed this 8th day of September, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

