

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, it is reported that Americans Missing in Action include more than 73,000 from World War II, approximately 7,800 from the Korean Conflict, more than 1,600 from the Vietnam Conflict, and 126 from the Cold War; and

**WHEREAS**, our Nation and the State of Mississippi continue to honor the proud service and selflessness of our men and women in uniform and of our veterans – service which has been passed forward from generation to generation for more than two centuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Mississippi honor the profound sacrifice of those who became Prisoners of War or those still Missing in Action, for they have preserved freedom for America and brought freedom to millions throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi will never forget the families of our state who have borne the ultimate sacrifice of their own Sons still Missing in Action which includes 700 from WWII, 76 from the Korean Conflict and 12 from the Vietnam Conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, we will never abandon the efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of every American still missing from service to our great country and call upon the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to consistently raise with foreign counterparts the need for increased actions to help account for and return our missing to the United States:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017, as

**Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage my fellow Mississippians to join me in honoring the men and women from all wars who are still Missing in Action or were Prisoners of War.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR