STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, all Americans owe an extraordinary debt of gratitude and appreciation to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, we must give special tribute to the brave service members who have been imprisoned while protecting the well being of their country and those who remain missing; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the 101st Congress recognized the National League of POW/MIA Families flag and designated it "as a symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation;" and

WHEREAS, today represents the utmost respect and gratitude of a grateful Nation but also stands as a symbolic statement of our continued resolve, twenty years later, to account for United States personnel still missing from our Nation's past wars and conflicts; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize not only those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in defense of our national principles and for the freedoms and liberty we enjoy as a Nation, but also the family members and friends of our country's Prisoners of War and our unreturned veterans, America's MIAs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
AS
POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourth day of September in the year two thousand thirteen, the two hundred thirty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

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