



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the men and women of America's Armed Forces have fought to preserve, protect and defend our freedoms and values; and

WHEREAS, more than 72,000 Americans are missing in action (MIA) from World War II; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has 149 servicemembers unaccounted for from the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has two servicemembers unaccounted for from the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has 31 servicemembers unaccounted for from the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has more than 1,100 former prisoners of war (POW) who made sacrifices and endured hardships to preserve our freedoms and values; and

WHEREAS, we unite to ensure that America remembers our responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and to do everything possible to account for those who have not returned;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2023, as

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

in the state of Alabama and encourage all citizens to join our state's and nation's veterans and their families in honoring all American prisoners of war and to remember and never forget all who are missing in action.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 11th day of September 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor