STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; POW – MIA Recognition Day honors the sacrifices of American service members who suffered, or still suffer, in captivity while on active duty as Prisoners of War, or who were or remain Missing In Action; and

WHEREAS; pursuant to 2001 Wisconsin Act 100, the State of Wisconsin has declared that every third Friday of September should be designated as POW – MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS; according to the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, thousands of U.S. service members have been or remain classified as MIA, including more than 73,000 from World War II, about 120 from the Cold War, approximately 8,000 from the Korean War, nearly 1,700 from the Vietnam War, and three from Iraq; and

WHEREAS; the U.S. Government should persist in fully accounting for every service member classified as MIA, as we continue to honor all POWs; and

WHEREAS; U.S. service members continue to serve at significant personal risk, and we have profound gratitude for the courage, determination, and resolve of POWs and MIAs, and remain mindful of their families, friends, and fellow veterans who continue to wait for a resolution; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin, the black and white POW – MIA flag is flown over the Capitol as a symbol of that unwavering commitment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim Friday, September 16, 2016 as

POW – MIA RECOGNITION DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 28th day of June 2016.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State