

## 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 1,500 Americans from the Vietnam War, 7,000 Americans from the Korean War, 170 Americans from the Cold War and more than 72,000 Americans from World War II are unaccounted for; 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 16, 2022, as

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

in the state of Alabama and encourage all citizens to join our nation's and state'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 1st day of September 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor