



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, for centuries, courageous members of our Armed Forces have embodied the best of America with devotion and patriotism; and
- WHEREAS, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we pause to remember our servicemen and women who never returned. The hardship experienced by prisoners of war by the family members of those who have gone missing in action is unimaginable to most Americans; and
- WHEREAS, It is our county's solemn obligation to bring these heroes back to the land they served to defend and to support the families who each day, carry on without knowing the peace of being reunited with their loved ones; and
- WHEREAS, the United States does not leave anyone behind, and we do not forget those who remain missing. We will never stop working to bring home those who gave everything for their country, nor cease in our pursuit of the fullest possible accounting for all who are missing; and
- WHEREAS, in honor of those who have not yet come home, and the families who struggle with the fear of unknown fate, we renew our fierce commitment to our patriots in uniform and pledge to do everything we can to bring those missing or held prisoner home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
September 21, 2018 as

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 20th day of September 2018.

Craig Cates, Mayor