



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

POW/MIA Recognition Day

WHEREAS, nearly 1,700 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, approximately 8,000 unaccounted for from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War, over 78,000 from World War II, one Missing in Action in Iraq, and one Prisoner of War – Idaho’s own Bowe Bergdahl – in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, their families, friends and other concerned Americans still must deal with the uncertainty concerning their fates; and

WHEREAS, the Obama administration recently has reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and

WHEREAS, United States government intelligence and other evidence indicate that most countries in which U.S. losses occurred could provide greater assistance to answer questions about missing Americans; and

WHEREAS, that the State of Idaho commends and endorses the national commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing from our nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, that the State of Idaho calls on Congress to ensure that POW/MIA-related government offices and organizations receive the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the principled mission of accounting for our missing veterans, thus signaling nations around the world that America stands behind those who serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2011 as

POW/MIA Recognition Day

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE