

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAIMS September 15, 2023 as

POW/MIA Recognition Day

WHEREAS, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we pay tribute to the American men and women who never returned home from combat to those who faced unthinkable suffering as prisoners of war in distant lands, and to all servicemembers who have defended American lives and liberties with unwavering devotion; and

WHEREAS, "Until every story ends" is a solemn promise to those who wear the uniform of the United States that they will never be left behind or forgotten; and

WHEREAS, observed on the third Friday of September, the first official commemoration of POW/MIA Recognition Day was on July 18th, 1979, largely a result of the National League of POW/MIA Families and their grassroots lobbying efforts to keep our POW/MIAs in our hearts and minds; and

WHEREAS, of the more than 83,000 service members listed as POW/MIAs, a majority are from World War II, with nearly three-quarters lost in the Pacific Theater, and approximately 41,000 lost at sea.

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War has nearly 1,600 Americans still listed as missing; 7,663 unaccounted for from the Korean War; 126 servicemembers listed during the Cold War, and six people still unaccounted for from conflicts since 1991; and

WHEREAS, we must never forget and continue to honor the bravery and perseverance of former prisoners of war, those still missing, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 15, 2023 as "POW – MIA Recognition Day" to our servicemembers who never returned home from battle.

Dated: September 12, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors