
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, MASTRIANO, BROOKS, PHILLIPS-HILL,
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HUTCHINSON, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI, DILLON, MILLER, J. WARD,
STEFANO, ARGALL, DUSH AND AUMENT, AUGUST 19, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AUGUST 19, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 20, 2024, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Many Americans across the United States pause to
4 remember the sacrifices of individuals who were prisoners of war
5 (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA); and

6 WHEREAS, We salute the men and women who, with courage, valor
7 and selflessness, safeguard our country and our ideals; and

8 WHEREAS, Unthinkable pain remains with the loved ones of
9 those soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who do not return
10 home; and

11 WHEREAS, Since World War II, nearly 82,000 Americans are
12 still missing, and many former prisoners of war live among us
13 today; and

14 WHEREAS, Federal law requires the iconic POW/MIA flag to be
15 displayed whenever the American flag is displayed on prominent
16 Federal buildings and national war memorials to honor those

1 Americans who are listed as prisoners of war, missing in action
2 or otherwise unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and
3 conflicts; and

4 WHEREAS, Our country and our Commonwealth owe these
5 individuals a debt that can never be repaid; and

6 WHEREAS, We pay solemn tribute and honor these individuals
7 with a commitment never to forget their patriotism; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, and every day forward, we renew our pledge to
9 continue working to bring everyone home to the loved ones they
10 left behind; and

11 WHEREAS, This day of recognition of individuals who are
12 missing in action or prisoners of war reminds us to use all of
13 our resources to bring them home; and

14 WHEREAS, Since those declared missing or unaccounted for are
15 unable to be with their loved ones and families, we join
16 together and bear witness to their continued absence; therefore
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 20, 2024, as
19 "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania.