

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter, and since that date, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, throughout American history, the men and women of our armed forces have selflessly served our country and made tremendous sacrifices to defend the liberty of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, many of these brave heroes suffered as prisoners of war during several decades of varying conflicts, and nearly 81,000 Americans who fought in those wars are still missing; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we hereby honor all American prisoners of war and express our deepest gratitude for the courage and determination they exemplified while enduring terrible hardships, and we pay tribute to those who never returned from the battlefield and to their families, who live each day with uncertainty about the fate of their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, does hereby proclaim September 20, 2024, as

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IN CLAY COUNTY

so that we may remember the hardships experienced by our prisoners of war and the incredible sacrifices of our servicemen and women who never returned home - we vow that their heroic actions will never be forgotten.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida this 10th day of September 2024.

ATTEST:

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