

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed each year on the third Friday in September to honor American service members who were *Prisoners of War* and those still *Missing in Action*; and

WHEREAS, this observance began in 1979, when Congress and President Jimmy Carter called for greater accountability for Vietnam War POWs and MIAs—a tradition continued by every president since; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA flag, bearing the words “You Are Not Forgotten,” has become a powerful national symbol and is the only non-national flag required by federal law to be flown on designated days, including POW/MIA Day; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 U.S. service members remain missing from past conflicts, including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and more recent engagements, and dedicated efforts by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and the National League of Families continue to seek answers and bring them home; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we honor all American prisoners of war and express our profound gratitude for their courage and perseverance through unimaginable hardships, while paying tribute to those who never returned and to the families who continue to bear the weight of their sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, does hereby proclaim September 19, 2025, 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 9th day of September 2025.

ATTEST:

Tara S. Green
Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

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