State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *the records of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency show there are 73,126 Americans still unaccounted for from World War II, 7,802 from the Korean War, 1,618 from the Vietnam War, 126 from the Cold War and 6 from Iraq and recent conflicts, for a total of more than 82,000 American heroes; and*

WHEREAS, *their families, friends and Americans across our nation still deal with uncertainty regarding their fates; and*

WHEREAS, *on July 18, 1979, Congress passed a resolution authorizing National POW/MIA Recognition Day and it is now observed each year, on the third Friday of September, with ceremonies held throughout the nation at State Capitols, schools, churches, veteran and civic organizations; and*

WHEREAS, *in addition to ceremonies in the United States, this date is recognized worldwide through ceremonies at military installations and ships at sea; and*

WHEREAS, *the President has reinforced our nations rightful commitment to maintaining Prisoners of War/Missing in Action accounting as a priority of the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *we will honor and remember the American heroes who selflessly served our country and recognize the families, friends and communities impacted by the loss of all POW/MIA Americans still missing;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, *do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016 as*

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IN NEVADA

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 7th day of September, 2016.

Governor

By the Governor:

Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

By Cadence

Deputy