



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

## Declaration

**Whereas**, the absence of 1,575 Americans from the Vietnam War, compounded by the over 7,000 unaccounted-for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, and a staggering 70,000 from WWII, continues to cast a shadow of uncertainty and sorrow;

**Whereas**, the families and friends of unreturned Veterans, along with countless fellow Veterans and concerned Americans, endure an ongoing wait for the recovery and identification of their loved ones' remains, or, if deemed unrecoverable, for information that sheds light on their fates;

**Whereas**, the solemn commitment to accounting for our nation's POW and MIA service members persists as a matter of utmost importance for our country;

**Whereas**, the state of Utah not only commends and supports but also wholeheartedly shares our nation's unwavering dedication to accounting as comprehensively as possible for all Americans who remain missing or unaccounted for from past wars and conflicts; and

**Whereas**, Utah recognizes the profound service and sacrifice of these valiant soldiers and their families, and seeks to bestow upon them the honor they so richly deserve;

**Now, therefore**, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare September 19, 2025, as

## POW/MIA Recognition Day in Utah

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