

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2017 AS NATIONAL PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, Throughout our history, when the enemies of freedom were on the march and our country needed brave Americans to take up arms and stop their advance, the members of our Armed Forces answered the call of duty. These patriotic men and women defended our country in hours of need and continue to stand watch for our freedom. Many of these courageous individuals risked capture, imprisonment, and their lives to protect our homeland. On National Prisoners Of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) Recognition Week, we honor the sacrifices and remarkable determination of those captured as prisoners of war. We also remember those who remain unaccounted for and ask for God's special blessing on their families. Our nation will not forget these heroes, and we will not stop searching for our service members who are missing in action.

WHEREAS, On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in southeast Asia is flown over the White House, the Capitol, the Departments of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, the Selective Service System Headquarters, the National Vietnam Veterans and Korean War Veterans Memorials, U.S. military installations, national cemeteries, and other locations across our country. This flag serves as a reminder of our continued commitment to those still missing and those imprisoned while serving in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Kosovo, Iraq and other conflicts. We remain grateful for their service and sacrifices and pledge to continue to achieve the fullest possible accounting for all our men and women in uniform still missing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor of the City of Garnett, Kansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of the City of Garnett, Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 15th, 2017 as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I call upon the people of the City of Garnett, Kansas to join me in saluting American POWs and those missing in action that valiantly served our great country. I call upon federal, state and local government officials and private organizations to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day September, 2017.

W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk

