

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday of September to honor the courageous members of our Armed Forces who were taken as Prisoners of War (POWs) or remain Missing in Action (MIA) while serving their country. First recognized in 1979 by Congressional resolution, this day of remembrance symbolizes our national commitment to ensure these heroes and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

On September 16, 1997, the then Board of Supervisors also recognized this day of remembrance and voted to display the POW/MIA flag (as read in HR 116 and SB 528) on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and National POW/MIA Day.

The POW/MIA flag, which contains the phrase "You Are Not Forgotten," is a solemn reminder of the bravery and sacrifice made by these servicemembers. This is a sacrifice that is also borne by their families. It is crucial that, as a County, we observe this day with the respect and recognition it deserves by flying the POW/MIA flag.

Flying the flag is not only symbolic but also done in honor of the more than 81,000 Americans still missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and other conflicts. As a nation, we must never forget those families who are still waiting for their loved ones to return. It is incumbent upon us to demonstrate our continued support for the fullest possible accounting of these individuals and to ensure their memory is preserved.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim the third Friday of September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day in Los Angeles County;
2. Direct the Internal Services Department to work with all County Departments to fly the POW/MIA flag over all Los Angeles County facilities where the American and California flags are displayed on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and National POW/MIA Day this year and every year moving forward;
3. Remind all County Departments to promote National POW/MIA Day on the County's websites and social media pages; and,
4. Encourage our cities, businesses, communities, partners, and the military and veteran community in Los Angeles to join the County in this recognition day.

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