



WHEREAS, many loyal and brave Americans who served in the wars of this nation were captured by the enemy or listed as missing in action; and

WHEREAS, American prisoners of war have often suffered unconscionable treatment despite international codes on the subject, and many have died as a result of cruel and inhuman acts by their enemy captors; and

WHEREAS, it is not known whether Americans missing in action are alive or dead, and the uncertainty has caused immeasurable suffering and hardship for their families; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize the sacrifices of American prisoners of war and those missing in action;

THEREFORE, I, James R. Thompson, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim April 9, 1987, as POW-MIA DAY in Illinois, and call upon Illinoisans to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and programs so that the memory of those brave Americans will not be lost.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIFTH day of MARCH, in the
Year of Our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred
and EIGHTY-SEVEN, and of the State of
Illinois, the one hundred, and SIXTY-NINTH.*

Jim Edgar
SECRETARY OF STATE

James R. Thompson
GOVERNOR