

# *State of South Carolina*

## *Proclamation*

*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** throughout the history of our great nation, the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces have preserved our freedom, protected our security, and upheld our democratic values; and

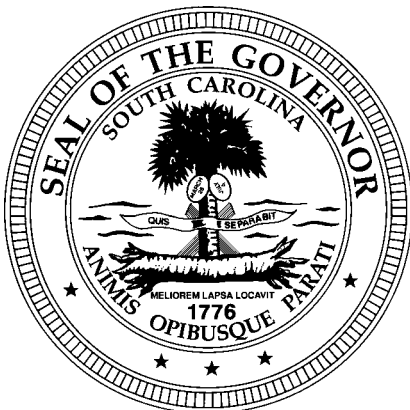
**WHEREAS,** our nation owes a lasting debt of gratitude to all those selfless and heroic members of our Armed Forces who are former prisoners of war and soldiers still unaccounted for and their families, all of whom have made extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of their country; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day honors former American prisoners of war and those missing in action, while providing an opportunity for citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation to remember with special sympathy and concern the courageous families who maintain their steadfast vigil in their search for the peace that comes only with certainty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2002, as

## **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember in a special way those Americans who have borne the indignities and sufferings of captivity in service to our country, those who died as prisoners of war - far from home and family, and those who remain missing.



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