

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday of September; on this day, Americans are encouraged to take time to remember those who were prisoners of war and those who are missing in action, as well as their families; and

WHEREAS, in each generation there are brave men and women who choose to enter the Armed Forces to protect our country; they willingly stand up for our freedom, values, and security and we are grateful for their service; and

WHEREAS, on this day of recognition, we remember those who did not return from the battlefield, and those who have been held captive as prisoners of war; we remember their sacrifice and stand beside their families; today we show our appreciation to our service members, veterans, military families, and all those who placed themselves in harm's way; together, along with our national government, we reaffirm our commitment to do everything possible to account for those who have not returned; and

WHEREAS, this year, Vietnam Veterans, Inc. is hosting a POW/MIA Vigil at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum on September 19 & 20 in honor of our brave service men and women who have not returned; the vigil will include opening ceremonies, poetry and art, a candlelight ceremony, and closing ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County joins with Americans across the nation in remembering the sacrifices and service of those who were prisoners of war as well as those who are missing in action; we are eternally grateful for their courage and selfless spirit to serve our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2015 as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19th day of September, 2015.

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