

No. 1992-50

AN ACT

HB 1309

Providing for the observance of the third Friday in September of each year as "Pennsylvania POW/MIA Recognition Day."

The United States Congress and the President of the United States for the past eleven years have proclaimed an annual "National POW/MIA Recognition Day." For the last four years, the third Friday of September has been chosen for the day of remembrance because that time of year usually ensures good weather for the many commemoration ceremonies in every state of the Union and a single, designated day allows for maximum media exposure for that day of remembrance.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Designation of "Pennsylvania POW/MIA Recognition Day."

In recognition of the fact that the number of American POW/MIA's still missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia is 2,282 (116 Pennsylvanians), in the Korean War, 8,100, in World War II, 78,000, and in the Persian Gulf War, 9, and whose bravery, patriotism and courage will never be forgotten by their loved ones and their grateful Nation and Commonwealth, the third Friday of September of each year is hereby designated "Pennsylvania POW/MIA Recognition Day."

Section 2. Proclamation by Governor.

The Governor shall issue a proclamation every third Friday of September, in perpetuity, to commemorate the sacrifices and patriotism of our Pennsylvania POW/MIA's and to observe that day with appropriate honors and ceremonies.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of June, A. D. 1992.

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