



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, Florida residents have served honorably in the nation's Armed Forces, and many of Florida's brave men and women are considered missing in action, causing a grateful nation to mourn their fates; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Floridians have endured captivity while serving in wars and conflicts fought by the United States; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling their duties, Florida's POWs have defended American ideals while often suffering indignities at the hands of their oppressors; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA flag is flown at the Florida Capitol, rest areas along Florida's interstate highways, and at Florida's State Parks as a powerful reminder of those who so faithfully served our country; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida commends and endorses the national commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing from our nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2010, is set aside as a time to reflect and pay tribute to Floridians who, in the act of serving our nation, selflessly relinquished their freedom so we may enjoy the blessings of liberty and peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 17, 2010 as *POW/MIA Recognition Day*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida, to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 23rd day of August, in the year two thousand ten.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor