

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1978, Congress, by a joint resolution approved, called on the President to issue a proclamation asking the people of the United States to observe POW-MIA Recognition Day, a day to honor the sacrifice of American prisoners of war, Americans missing in action and their families; and,

WHEREAS, since President Carter issued the first POW-MIA Recognition Day proclamation on June 4, 1979, every President has declared a period on that day that the people of the United States might unite and honor the sacrifices of more than 138,000 POWs and 81,600 MIAs and their families; and,

WHEREAS, our nation endures and flourishes because of the piety of our service men and women, who, from years and generations have been accountable for our national security for over two centuries; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora would like to enhance the observation of POW-MIA Day by designating September 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. as a time to remember and appreciate prisoners of war, those missing in action and their families whose extreme sacrifice has sustained our nation and preserved our liberties and freedoms.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael Coffman, Mayor of the city of Aurora, Colorado do hereby proclaim September 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. as:

POW-MIA Recognition Day - Minute of Silence

and encourage the residents of Aurora to pause for a minute of silence to honor, reflect and remember the precious lives lost while in service to the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Aurora, Colorado to be affixed this 1st day of September 2022.

Mike Coffman, Mayor Aurora, Colorado