



# *Proclamation*

*Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo*

## POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

September 16, 2016

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, the United States Congress designated the third Friday in September every year as POW/MIA National Recognition Day; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of our nation's Armed Forces have endured unimaginable suffering and privation as Prisoners of War; and

**WHEREAS**, there are thousands of other loyal Americans who served and sacrificed in the defense of liberty and freedom, but tragically, never returned home; and

**WHEREAS**, there is evidence that Americans are still being held in captivity; and

**WHEREAS**, American Armed Forces have a long-held commitment to the vow "never leave a service member behind"; and

**WHEREAS**, our grateful national will never forget the pain suffered by POW/MIA families to live without knowing their loved ones' fate or knowledge of their final resting place; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation expresses its gratitude to American POWs and MIAs and will always reinforce the vow, "You are not forgotten."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, proudly join the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8870 in proclaiming September 16, 2016 as *POW/MIA National Recognition Day* in the City of Mukilteo, and direct staff to fly the POW/MIA flag at all city-owned buildings. I also invite Mukilteo citizens to plan and conduct appropriate remembrances, ceremonies and activities to remember these brave soldiers.



Signed this 1st Day of September, 2016

Jennifer Gregerson  
Mayor