

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298377

ADOPTED ON SEP 15 2003

WHEREAS, in the 216 year history of the United States of America, military men and women of this nation have defended its principles so all Americans could be free; and

WHEREAS, in the defense of our freedom, 121,314 American service members lost their freedom as prisoners of war in World War II, Korea, Southeast Asia, and the Persian Gulf; and

WHEREAS, another 89,193 American service members have been listed as missing in action during the same period; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States proclaimed September 16, 1994, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of our POWs/MIAs is a sign of this country's determination to account for and honor our missing men and women; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that to honor those military men and women who have returned and to ensure that those who are missing are not forgotten, this Council, on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims September 19, 2003, as **"POW/MIA DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the POW/MIA flag will fly over the City Administration Building on September 19, 2003, in tribute of Scott Speicher and all military men and women who have returned and to those who are missing.

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