

Proclamation

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, throughout American history members of America's armed forces have made uncommon sacrifices as Prisoners of War (POW), serving our country under conditions of extreme hardship, while remaining steadfast even when their treatment violated fundamental standards of morality and international codes of conduct; and

WHEREAS, Americans held as POW and Americans Missing in Action (MIA) have earned our respect for their courage and devotion to the United States; and

WHEREAS, we honor our POW who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom to protect the liberty we enjoy; and

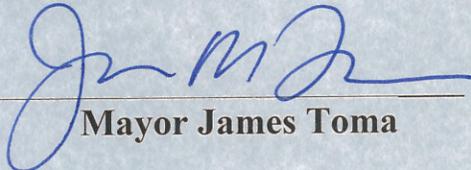
WHEREAS, we also honor those MIA, and should not forget the pain and suffering of war that continues for their families and friends and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, because we must not neglect to honor the men and women who have served their country so faithfully, the United States Congress established the third Friday in the month of September as America's Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Toma, Mayor of the City of West Covina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016, as ***POW/MIA Recognition Day*** and I further call upon all West Covinians to join with Americans across the Nation in honoring all present and former American POW and MIA, and their families.

On this 6th day of September, 2016





Mayor James Toma