

PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, thousands of other loyal Americans 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 to "never leave a service member behind;" and

WHEREAS, our grateful nation expresses its gratitude to American POW'S and MIA's and will always reinforce the vow, "You are not forgotten".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Ritter, the Mayor of the City of Youngsville, along with the City Council, proudly join the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9210, in proclaiming the third Friday in September as

POW/MIA NATIONAL RECOGNITION DAY

in the City of Youngsville; and that the Youngsville City Council recognizes POW/MIA National Recognition Day by inviting its citizens to plan and conduct appropriate remembrances, ceremonies and activities.

Ken Ritter, Mayor