WHEREAS, as we support the members of our Armed Forces in wartime and in peace, we look forward to their safe return home, yet recognize it is not guaranteed; and

WHEREAS, today serves as a reminder that the cost of war extends far beyond the last battle; and

WHEREAS, in honor of our Prisoners of War and our service members Missing in Action, the efforts to bring home those who gave everything to their country will not cease; and

WHEREAS, we are proud that our nation will not give up efforts to locate, identify, and return all Patriots to U.S. soil; and

WHEREAS, we stand beside the service members and their families who suffered during their captivity, and we stand now and forever with the families who are still waiting to be reunited with their loved ones; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, George P. Bray, Mayor of the City of Paducah, Kentucky, and I, Craig Clymer, County Judge Executive for McCracken County, Kentucky do hereby proclaim September 16th, 2023 as

**POW/MIA Recognition Day**