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**RESOLUTION HONORING NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Millions of service members have made great sacrifices to defend our Nation and protect our liberties, this is especially true for Prisoners of War (POW) and those Missing in Action (MIA); and

**WHEREAS**, This 16th Day of September was National POW/MIA Recognition Day—a remembrance day held annually on the 3rd Friday of September—and is when Americans are asked to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by service members who are POW/MIA; and

**WHEREAS**, Visually, the black and white POW/MIA Flag—consisting of a man’s silhouette with a watchtower and barbed wire in the background with the motto “You Are Not Forgotten” —is flown across the United States and around the world as a reminder of the many selfless service members who are POW/MIA; and

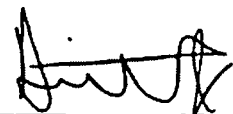
**WHEREAS**, According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), approximately 82,000 Americans remain missing, of which 4,296 service members are from Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Many of those service members were residents of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, To honor their service and sacrifice to our country, the City Council has an empty chair in the City Council Chambers dedicated to POW/MIA; and

**WHEREAS**, It is imperative that these courageous service members are never forgotten, and are showed honor and reverence; and, now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here today on this 21st Day of September, 2022, do hereby honor the many service members who defend our Nation and protect our liberts who are Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.



Gilbert Villegas  
Alderman, 36<sup>th</sup> Ward