

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the United States National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the Nation on the third Friday of September each year, and this year that date is September 17, 2021, a day for Americans to take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA) as well as their families; and

**WHEREAS**, today, nearly 82,000 service members remain unaccounted for, from conflicts dating back to World War II – more than 72,000 of those were lost during World War II, 126 from the Cold War, nearly 8,000 from the Korean War, and around 1,600 remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 217,000 Americans have been confined by enemies of the United States during the last one hundred years, with many enduring brutal and inhumane treatment by their captors in violation of international law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane flies the POW/MIA flag outside City Hall year-round to symbolize our community's resolve to never forget POWs or those who served their country in conflicts and are still missing:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2021 as

### POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Spokane and encourage all citizens to join in remembering the sacrifices and service of those who were prisoners of war, as well as those who are missing in action.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021.

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

