

CITY OF MILWAUKIE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On September 15, 1964, 22 years ago our first American Airman was shot down over North Vietnam and taken prisoner.

WHEREAS, thirteen years ago January 27, 1973, the United States signed a peace accord with North Vietnam but not a peace treaty with the Laotian Communists.

WHEREAS, The Pathet Lao acknowledged holding large numbers of POW's.

WHEREAS, 591 POW's were released from North Vietnam March 29, 1973, not one came home from Laos.

WHEREAS, there are still some 2,400 plus Americans missing in action. Their families have never given up their quest for answers or their struggle to free these men still held captive in Southeast Asia, who are suffering so much.

WHEREAS, As of November 11, 1986, 4,975 days will have passed since the last POW's were released and we are still counting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Kinsella, as Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, do hereby proclaim November 4, 1986 through November 11, 1986 as the kick-off time to start helping these men in any way possible and to begin counting the days until we as a Nation bring these men home at last by putting pressure on our Government who have left them behind and forgotten!

And, furthermore, ask all citizens of the City of Milwaukie to show their concern by writing letters to our President who is the Commander-in-Chief of all the military, including the men held captive and the Senators, asking them to make these men their highest National priority which is now a National disgrace. We the American people should not rest until all the live POW's are brought home so we can lay this tragic war to rest.

Ronald D. Kinsella, Mayor

Woven ber 1986

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