## STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 3-2013

## EXECUTIVE ORDER RAISING OF THE POW/MIA FLAG OVER THE STATE CAPITOL IN REMEMBERANCE FOR ALL UNACCOUNTED AND MISSING MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the State of Montana owes a lasting debt and sincere gratitude to the millions of Americans who have risked their lives defending our freedom as members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana will never waiver in our memory of our prisoners of war and those missing in action (POW/MIAs); and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is home to one of the highest veteran populations per capita in the United States of America and we shall never fail to meet our obligation to those who have served and the families of those who didn't return home; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA flag represents the remembrance of those Americans who are held against their will, and our commitment to the release and safe return of those heroes who are still imprisoned or missing, and to the repatriation of all American remains.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, by the authority vested in me under the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby order the POW/MIA flag shall fly over the State Capitol of Montana until all unaccounted and missing members of the American Armed Forces are returned home.

This Order is effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Montana, this 4th day of April, 2013.

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTESTED: Secretary of State