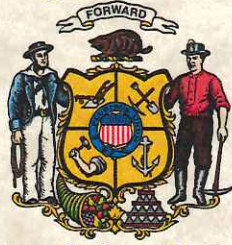


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; in each of the nation's conflicts, American prisoners of war (POWs) have endured tremendous physical and mental hardships as well as long separation from their loved ones in the cause of freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS; April 9th is the anniversary of the infamous Bataan Death March during World War II in 1942 in the Philippines, when thousands of American POWs died; and

WHEREAS; pursuant to 2001 Wisconsin Act 20, the State of Wisconsin has designated April 9th of each year as POW Remembrance Day, to recognize the sacrifices of those persons who suffered captivity in foreign countries while in active service with the U.S. armed forces, with some portion of the day to be used for solemn contemplation on the plight of POWs; and

WHEREAS; on this day, we honor the American heroes who have been taken as POWs and remember their legacy of bravery and selflessness, and the citizens of our state recognize and appreciate the sacrifices of those brave Wisconsinites who suffered in captivity to help preserve freedom throughout the world; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that more than 20,000 former prisoners of war are still alive in the United States, with nearly 400 in Wisconsin; and

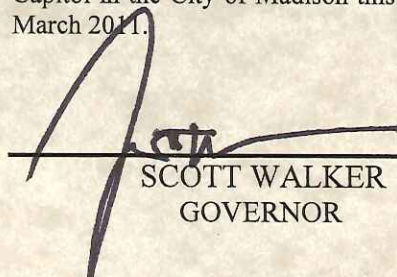
WHEREAS; in every conflict in which our nation has been embroiled including the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces have served bravely at great personal risk of becoming POWs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2011 as

PRISONER OF WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 31st day of March 2011.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State