RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
MARIN COUNTY POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

WHEREAS, for more than two centuries, Americans have bravely served our Nation as members of our Armed Forces. Many have made profound sacrifices to uphold the ideals we cherish, carrying wounds that may never fully heal and dark memories that will never fade; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Congress passed a resolution authorizing National POW/MIA Recognition Day for Americans to remember the nation’s prisoners of war (POWs) and soldiers who are missing in action (MIAs) as well as their families. The POW/MIA flag, which pictures the silhouette of a soldier with the slogan, “You Are Not Forgotten,” is flown to mark the day and the President each year proclaims National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday of September and local events are organized by veterans across the country; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2013, Marin Alliance for the American Spirit (MAAS) and the County of Marin are hosting an event at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium for remembrance and for a special “Veterans Connect” opportunity to connect people who seek services with the people and organizations that provide the services. Let us honor their sacrifice once more by expressing our deepest gratitude to our service members, our veterans, our military families, and all those who have given so much to keep our country safe; and

WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day is a tribute to service members who bore war’s tragic costs as prisoners of war and those missing in action. It is a day we stand with the families who have known the lingering ache of a loved one’s uncertain fate; and as a Nation, we reaffirm a most sacred obligation: that we must never forget the men and women who did not come home, and that we must never stop trying to return them to their families and the country they fought to protect; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense puts the total of MIAs at 87,000 and 142,000 POWS – 17,000 of whom died while interned – since World War II. The stark black and white banner symbolizing America’s Missing in Action and Prisoners of War will be flown at our national monuments as a solemn reminder of our obligation to always remember the sacrifices made to defend our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims September 28, 2013 as “Marin County POW/MIA Recognition Day” and urges all residents of our community to observe this day of honor and remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 17th day of September 2013.

JUDY ARNOLD – DISTRICT 5, PRESIDENT

SUSAN L. ADAMS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

COUNTY OF MARIN