



STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

For more than two centuries, members of our armed forces have answered the call to serve. Braving adversity that most of us cannot imagine, they have steadfastly upheld their commitment to defend our most cherished rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As we know, however, freedom is not free.

Untold thousands of America's sons and daughters have suffered as prisoners of war in foreign lands. Isolated from loved ones and their fellow countrymen, they have endured the physical and emotional hardships of captivity and stood face to face with America's enemies.

Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day is an opportunity to honor these American heroes, who have demonstrated tremendous courage and patriotism.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remember former prisoners of war for their unbreakable spirits and resolve. Their sacrifices must not be forgotten, and today, we honor their service and thank them for their dedication.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2014, to be

Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
3rd day of March 2014.


Governor of Texas

