



# Fremont County Board of Commissioners

## Proclamation

### **RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PRISONER OF WAR / MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 AS FREMONT COUNTY POW/MIA DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Since 1979, every American President has designated a National Prisoner of War / Missing in Action Day each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Service members take an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States, knowing they may be called upon to make great sacrifices to ensure and sustain our shared values; and

**WHEREAS**, These patriots accept those risks and rush to fulfill the mission, no matter how harsh or dangerous the conditions, and they embody the best of the American spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, Families and friends wait at home, anxious for news of their loved ones, accepting these sacrifices although they can cause great pain; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, more than 81,600 service members remain missing in action, causing great pain and grief compounded by a lack of closure to their family members; and

**WHEREAS**, These families, including the sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, husbands and wives, parents, and grandparents continue to hold onto the hope that their beloved service member returns home; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County remembers the debt we owe to our service members and their families, and pay tribute to our former prisoners of war while remembering the difficult but essential task of seeking out answers for the families of those still missing; and

**WHEREAS**, The Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4061 in Cañon City is preparing an event to mark this very special day to keep this sad, unresolved, and continuing issue in the public eye.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** that the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners recognizes Friday, September 20, 2024, as Fremont County POW/MIA Recognition Day. The County Commissioners urge all people of Fremont County to observe this day of honor and remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2024.**

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**Kevin Grantham**  
District 1 Commissioner

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**Debbie Bell**  
District 2 Commissioner

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**Dwayne McFall**  
District 3 Commissioner