

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD  
PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 NATIONAL POW/MIA  
RECOGNITION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, throughout our nation's history, the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces have answered the call of duty, defending the freedoms and liberties we hold dear; and

**WHEREAS**, among these service members, many endured the unimaginable hardships of captivity as prisoners of war (POW), demonstrating unwavering courage and loyalty despite great suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 82,000 Americans remain missing in action (MIA), their whereabouts still unknown, leaving families and loved ones to carry the burden of uncertainty while holding on to enduring hope for answers and closure; and

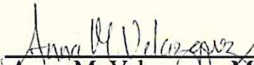
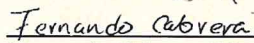

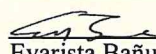
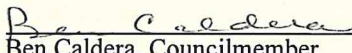
**WHEREAS**, the strength, sacrifice, and resilience of our POWs and MIAs must forever be honored, and it is our responsibility as a nation to remember their service, uphold their legacy, and reaffirm that their sacrifices will never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, National POW/MIA Recognition Day serves as a solemn reminder of our commitment to bring every missing hero home, to support the families who wait, and to honor those who gave everything in service to our country; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City Council of the City of Soledad hereby declares September 19, 2025, as POW/MIA Remembrance Day and calls upon all residents to honor the bravery and sacrifice of former prisoners of war, those still missing, and the families who await their return.



*Dated on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025*

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Anna M. Velazquez, Mayor	
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Fernando Cabrera, Mayor Pro Tem	
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Fernando Ansaldo-Sánchez, Councilmember	
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Evarista Bañuelos, Councilmember	
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Ben Caldera, Councilmember	