

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2013 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 118-2013

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and
Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson

A RESOLUTION requiring the County to fly the POW/MIA flag beneath the flag of the United States at certain locations and on certain dates.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2013.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2013.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council
on _____, 2013.

Certified By _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1971, the idea for a national flag, comprised of a black and white
2 image of a gaunt silhouette, a strand of barbed wire and an ominous watchtower was
3 developed to remind every American of our nation’s military service members whose
4 fates were never accounted for from the Vietnam War; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, by the end of the Vietnam War, more than 2,500 service members
7 were listed by the Department of Defense as Prisoner of War (“POW”) or Missing in
8 Action (“MIA”); and

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10 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, Congress and the President proclaimed the first National
11 POW/MIA Recognition Day to acknowledge the concerns and symbolize the steadfast
12 resolve of the American people to never forget the men and women who gave up their
13 freedom protecting ours; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the POW/MIA flag became the only flag other than the Stars and
16 Stripes to fly over the White House in Washington, D.C. and the only flag ever displayed
17 in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, where it will stand as a powerful symbol of national
18 commitment to America’s POW/MIAs; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the POW/MIA flag’s continued visibility remains a constant
21 reminder of the plight of America’s POW/MIAs; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the United States Government recognizes the significance and
24 importance of the POW/MIA flag by flying it beneath the flag of the United States on the
25 following dates:

- 26 1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;
- 27 2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- 28 3. Flag Day, June 14;
- 29 4. Independence Day, July 4;
- 30 5. National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in September; and
- 31 6. Veteran’s Day, November 11; and

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WHEREAS, the County Council and County Executive also recognize the significance and importance of the POW/MIA flag.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2013 that Howard County shall fly the POW/MIA flag beneath the flag of the United States at the County’s properties located at 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City; 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia; and 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia on the following dates:

1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;
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6. Veteran’s Day, November 11.