

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1403

(Representatives Schneider, Brandenburg, Grueneich, D. Johnston, Klemin, Pyle, Davis, Hager)  
(Senators Castaneda, Clemens, Dever, Marcellais)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the designation of Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day as a state holiday.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

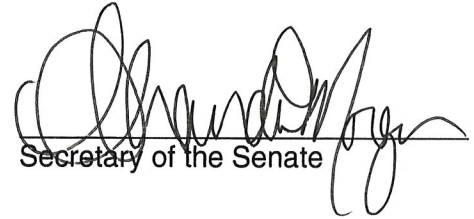
**Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day.**

The third Friday in September of each year is Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day. To remember and honor the sacrifices of those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing, the governor shall issue a proclamation each year designating the third Friday in September as Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day, a state holiday. This section may not be interpreted to make Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day a day on which schools and other entities are required to close.

  
Speaker of the House

  
President of the Senate

  
Chief Clerk of the House

  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1403.

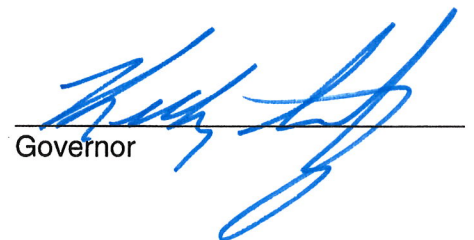
House Vote:      Yeas 93                  Nays 0                  Absent 1

Senate Vote:      Yeas 47                  Nays 0                  Absent 0

  
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 11:30 A.M. on March 13, 2025.

Approved at 1:45 P.M. on March 14, 2025.

  
Governor

Filed in this office this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025,  
at 4:35 o'clock P M.

  
Secretary of State