

36:2-7 and 36:2-8

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

**NJSA:** 36:2-7 and 36:2-8 (POW - MIA Recognition Day)

**LAWS OF:** 1984

**CHAPTER:** 83

**Bill No:** A1886

**Sponsor(s):** Cuprowski and others

**Date Introduced:** May 7, 1984

**Committee:** **Assembly:** State Government, Civil Service, Elections, Pensions and Veterans Affairs  
**Senate:** ////

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**Senate:** June 25, 1984

**Date of Approval:** July 7, 1984

**Following statements are attached if available:**

**Sponsor statement:** Yes

(Below)

**Committee statement:** **Assembly** Yes

**Senate** No

**Fiscal Note:** No

**Veto Message:** No

**Message on Signing:** Yes

**Following were printed:**

**Reports:** No

**Hearings:** No

**Sponsors' statement:**

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1886

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 7, 1984

By Assemblymen CUPROWSKI, VAINIERI, RANIERI, ROONEY,  
CHARLES, DORIA and LARocca

AN ACT to designate July 20th of each year as "New Jersey P.O.W.-  
M.I.A. Recognition Day" and providing for the issuance by the  
Governor of an annual proclamation thereof.

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of this State have proudly answered the  
2 call of their country in war; and

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of Americans from across this nation who  
4 so served were captured by the enemy or are missing in action;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Often, those prisoners of war were subjected to brutal  
7 and inhuman treatment by their enemy captors in violation of  
8 international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners  
9 of war, in some cases resulting in their deaths; and

10 WHEREAS, The fate of those Americans missing in action, including  
11 the sons and daughters of this State, is unknown, causing their  
12 families inestimable suffering and hardship; and

13 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 171 and House Resolution 344, cur-  
14 rently pending before Congress, propose to designate July 20th,  
15 1984 as "National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day"; and

16 WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the citizens of  
17 this State should be reminded annually of the sacrifices their  
18 fellow New Jerseyans have made in each conflict in which their  
19 nation has fought; now, therefore,

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. July 20th of each year shall be designated as "New Jersey  
2 P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day" in recognition of the sacrifices  
3 of the citizens of this State and of our Nation who were captured  
4 by the enemy or are missing in action.

1 2. The Governor is requested to issue a proclamation proclaim-  
2 ing this designation and with the Legislature to call annually upon  
3 the citizens of this State to recognize this date with appropriate  
4 observances.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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as "New Jersey P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day."

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SERVICE,  
ELECTIONS, PENSIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 1886

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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DATED: JUNE 21, 1984

This bill designates July 20th of each year as "New Jersey P.O.W.-  
M.I.A. Recognition Day" in recognition of the sacrifices of the citizens of  
the State and the nation who have been detained as prisoners of war  
or are missing in action.



# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR NEWS RELEASE

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Release: TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1984

Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed legislation designating July 20 of each year as "New Jersey POW-MIA Recognition Day."

The Governor signed the bill, A-1886, during a ceremony in his office attended by representatives of more than 20 different veterans' organizations from throughout New Jersey.

The legislation was sponsored by Assemblyman Paul Cuprowski, D-Hudson, and requires that the Governor issue an annual proclamation recognizing those individuals who were taken prisoner during wartime or who are listed as missing in action.

"Nothing, of course, can ever ease the heartbreak of the loss of a loved one or the painful uncertainty involving those who are missing in action, but we can, by this legislation, officially urge all New Jerseyans to pause and remember those who took up arms in the defense of our nation," Kean said.

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