

SPONSOR: Bill Emerson, Sr.  
4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman

**RESOLUTION NO. R18**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THAT POW-MIA FLAGS ARE FLOWN FROM ALL  
MUNICIPAL FLAG POLES IN THE CITY OF HAMMOND**

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, Mrs. Michael Hoff, wife of a U.S. military officer listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War, recognized the need for a symbol of our American military POW/MIA's and was instrumental in helping design a flag to represent our missing servicemen and women. The black and white image of a gaunt silhouette, a strand of barbed wire and a watchtower was designed by Newt Heisley, a former World War II pilot, and

**WHEREAS**, On March 9, 1989, an official POW-MIA flag that had flown over the White House on National POW/MIA Recognition Day 1988 was installed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. The POW/MIA flag is the only flag ever displayed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda where it stands as a symbol of national commitment to America's POW/MIAs until the fullest possible accounting has been achieved for U.S. military personnel still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War and subsequent military encounters, and

**WHEREAS**, other than the American Flag, the POW/MIA flag is the only flag ever to fly over the White House, having been displayed in this place of honor on National POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1982, and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the 1998 Defense Authorization Act, the POW-MIA flag is displayed six times a year (Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veteran's Day) at the

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U.S. Capitol, the Departments of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs, the headquarters of the Selective Service System, major military installations as designated by the Secretary of the Defense, all Federal cemeteries and all offices of the U.S. Postal Service. It is continuously displayed at the National Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans and World War II Memorials, and

**WHEREAS**, when displayed on a single flag pole, the POW/MIA flag should fly directly below, and be no larger than, the United States flag on that pole. If displayed on separate poles, the U.S. flag should always be placed to the right of other flags, and

**WHEREAS**, The Hammond Common Council finds that the City of Hammond should join these agencies in paying tribute to Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that the Common Council that any municipal building located in the City of Hammond that displays an American Flag, should also display a POW-MIA flag in the appropriate position to that American Flag.

RESOLVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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Michael Opinker, President /s/  
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor said City for approval on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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The foregoing Resolution No. R18 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, approved by the Mayor on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, JR. , Mayor /s/  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk