

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, November 11<sup>th</sup> is a day to honor America's veterans for their willingness, courage, and determination to defend and serve our nation honorably and selflessly, both at home and abroad, protecting the freedom of our nation and liberating the oppressed from tyranny and terror; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and Remembrance Day is our moment to remember veterans from all wars, and this year we expressly acknowledge the beginning and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this November date, signaling the end of the First World War in 1918. At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, in 1918, came a brief pause in the hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany. Once known as Armistice Day, it became an official federal holiday just 20 years later in 1938; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the courageous service of all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and women, National Guard members, and Reservists who have served, and are serving, in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, we are eternally indebted to our veterans for their remarkable and valiant service to the United States of America, and we will never forget their selfless allegiance and readiness to put their lives on the line to defend the freedoms of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I serves as a fitting occasion to draw our attention to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have nobly defended our nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018 as:

### *Veterans and Remembrance Day*

in Alaska, and call on all citizens to honor our veterans for their service, encourage employers to provide job opportunities for those who served, and applaud the incredible bravery of our veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces by participating in appropriate ceremonies and expressions of gratitude, as we honor one century of exceptional valor.

Dated: November 7, 2018



A blue ink signature of Bill Walker.

*Bill Walker, Governor  
who has also authorized the  
seal of the State of Alaska to  
be affixed to this proclamation*