

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Nearly 72,000 Arkansans, including more than 18,000 African Americans, served in the armed forces during World War I; and

WHEREAS: More than 2,000 Arkansans died during their service, and more than 1,700 were wounded or injured; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee was created by Executive Order on March 31, 2016, in order to create a program of remembrance through the Department of Arkansas Heritage; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee has been working with public and private organizations and citizens around the state to remember the Arkansans who served in the Great War, including the planting of memorial trees in all 75 counties in partnership with the Arkansas Forestry Commission; and

WHEREAS: November 11, 2018, marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended hostilities in World War I at 11 A.M. on November 11th, 1918 – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS: The tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; and

WHEREAS: The United States World War I Centennial Commission and Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee are calling on citizens to ring bells 11 times at 11 A.M. on November 11, 2018, to remember those who served in the war and to celebrate its ending;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as

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across the State, and I call on all citizens across the State of Arkansas to toll bells 11 times at 11 A.M. on November 11, 2018, to remember those brave men and women who served in the Great War.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

M. Martin
M. Martin, Secretary Of State