

**PROCLAMATION**  
**100th Anniversary of the end of World War I**

**WHEREAS**, 4.3 million service members from the United States of America were mobilized for WWI with 116,000 service members dying in the line of duty and 204,000 wounded in battle; and,

**WHEREAS**, 263,000 Ohioans served with 50 or more service men from Fayette County, Ohio died in service; and,

**WHEREAS**, several citizen's of Fayette County, Ohio received medals including John Wrobbel, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross for continuously providing hot meals to troops in combat and James "Red" Ducey received the French Croix de Guerre and the U.S. Silver Star for his bravery in combat at the battle of Belleau Wood; and,

**WHEREAS**, the namesake of the American Legion Post #25, Lt. Paul Hughey, was the first combat pilot killed in action in 1918 in France. Major O.E. Hardway, whom the VFW Post #3762 is named after, led 150 men in the 166th Regiment, part of the famous Rainbow Division and American Legion Post #653 namesake, Private Homer Lawson, member of the 372nd, a decorated African American combat regiment was killed in action in 1918.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We the Board of the Fayette County Commissioners, call upon the citizens of Fayette County and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe Sunday, November 11, 2018 and join others in communities around the country to commemorate the end of World War I. In the 11th month, on the 11th day, 11th hour and 11th minute, the bells of St. Colman's Church will toll 21 times to commemorate the conclusion of the war and recognize the 100th Anniversary of the first Armistice Day, more commonly known as Veterans Day and encourage everyone to take time to thank all Veterans for their service to our country.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands this 5th day of November, 2018.



**THE BOARD OF  
FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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