



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, since the founding of our nation, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces to defend our nation and protect our freedoms in times of both war and peace; and

**WHEREAS**, a century ago, Highland County families, along with 4.7 million other American families, sent their sons and daughters off to serve selflessly and honorably in World War I;

**WHEREAS**, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war, including thirty-two Highland Countians, and more than 200,000 were wounded;

**WHEREAS**, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the armistice between the allied nations and Germany was signed, thus bringing the end of WWI;

**WHEREAS**, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation in 1919 declaring November 11 as Armistice Day to commemorate the agreement signed the year prior; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954 Armistice Day would be renamed Veterans Day to commemorate the service and sacrifice of all Veterans;

**WHEREAS**, nothing we can say, or do, will fully express our gratitude for the service and sacrifices made by our Veterans, and as a reminder of the price we pay for our freedoms, we shall honor the service and valor of each and every one of them; and

**WHEREAS**, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance, on April 6, 2018, the United States World War I Centennial Commission called upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I on Armistice Day, Veterans' Day, as we now recognize it, November 11, 2018;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners of Highland County does hereby call upon all Highland Countians to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018.



  
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Highland County Board of Commissioners