



Proclamation

WHEREAS, a century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and

WHEREAS, 351,153 men from the State of Illinois served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and

WHEREAS, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war, and more than 200,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018 the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 -- the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, 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, November 11, 2018; and

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as **WORLD WAR I REMEMBRANCE DAY** in Illinois, recognizing the contributions of all American men and women who served the United States Military during World War I.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Deese White
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TENTH day of AUGUST, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.*

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR