PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, men and women from the state of Iowa 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, 4,088 Iowans gave their lives in the war, and more than 5,000 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, the United States World War I Centennial Commission has 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as

Iowa Bells of Peace: World War I Remembrance Day

and encourage Iowans to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREBY SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL FATE
SECRETARY OF STATE