WHEREAS, In memory of World War I, the State of Maine recognizes those who have served in the Great War by a national ringing of bells in their memory; and

WHEREAS, A century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters to fight in World War I; and

WHEREAS, 116,708 Americans gave their lives in the war, and more than 204,000 were wounded and 57 U.S. civilians died due to military action; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the 31,887 Mainers who served in all branches of the U.S. military in World War I and the nearly 1,200 who gave their last full measure for the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, This November 11, 2018 the tolling of bells is an expression of honor and remembrance, one of which 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018 as

World War I Remembrance Day

throughout the State of Maine and hereby call upon all Mainers across the nation to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018 to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this fifth day of November Two-Thousand Eighteen

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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