

STATE OF MONTANA

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, a century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters off to fight in the War to End All Wars—World War I;

WHEREAS, more than 40,000 Montanans served bravely and honorably during World War I;

WHEREAS, 11,700 Montanans volunteered and 29,446 were drafted for service in World War I— one of highest ratios of service by any state in the nation;

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

WHEREAS, 681 Montanans were killed in action or died of their wounds, 236 Montanans died of disease or other causes, 2,469 Montanans were wounded or missing, 618 Montanans died outside the war zone making a total of 4,061 casualties during World War I;

WHEREAS, on November 11, 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;

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

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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, *Steve Bullock*, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as the "100th Anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I", and call upon all Montanans to toll bells in their communities at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018, in remembrance of all those who served in World War I.

IN WITNESS THEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Great State of Montana to be affixed on November 5, 2018

A blue ink signature of Steve Bullock, consisting of stylized, sweeping lines.

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor