State of New Jersey
Executive Department

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the resources of our entire nation were brought to bear on the war effort; and

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

WHEREAS, New Jersey provided 72,946 conscripts and 46,960 volunteers to the war effort; with those already in the service, more than 141,000 New Jerseyans served by war's end, including more than 1,000 women; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey was home to numerous military installations during The Great War, including Camp Dix, which was one of 16 U.S. cantonments constructed in 1917 to train troops and continues to play a vital role in the life of New Jersey and the nation to the present day; and

WHEREAS, Hoboken, New Jersey, was a major port of embarkation during The Great War, sending thousands of troops overseas to fight in Europe; and

WHEREAS, companies, such as Johnson & Johnson, DuPont, Singer, and E. R. Squibb, produced essential munitions, uniforms and medical supplies in New Jersey that sustained the United States and its Allies during the War; and

WHEREAS, eight New Jerseyans received the Congressional Medal of Honor, two of them posthumously; and

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

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. — the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Governor Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 11, 2018
AS
ARMISTICE DAY

in New Jersey, and call upon all New Jerseyans in partnership with other Americans and allies around the world to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this tenth day of August in the year two thousand eighteen, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States

Lt. Governor

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