



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, THE FIRST WORLD WAR (WORLD WAR I, THE GREAT WAR, OR THE WAR TO END ALL WARS) LASTED FROM JULY 1914 UNTIL NOVEMBER 1918, AND WAS CARRIED ON BY MORE THAN 70 MILLION MILITARY PERSONNEL IN TWO OPPOSING ALLIANCES AND WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND DEADLIEST CONFLICTS IN HISTORY; AND

**WHEREAS**, DURING THIS DEADLY CONFLICT MORE THAN NINE MILLION COMBATANTS AND SEVEN MILLION CIVILIANS PERISHED, AND ANOTHER 20 MILLION WERE WOUNDED; AND

**WHEREAS**, BELLS WORLDWIDE WERE RUNG ON NOVEMBER 11, 1918 TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE THE END OF WORLD WAR I, AND TO COMMEMORATE THAT PEACEFUL PLEDGE, BELLS WERE RUNG ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR OVER 35 YEARS; AND

**WHEREAS**, LEGISLATION TO MAKE NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY WAS PASSED IN 1938, DECLARING, "IT SHALL BE A DAY DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND TO BE HEREAFTER CELEBRATED AND KNOWN AS ARMISTICE DAY"; AND

**WHEREAS**, ON JUNE 1, 1954, THE ACT WAS AMENDED, STRIKING THE WORD "ARMISTICE" AND INSERTING THE WORD "VETERANS" AND NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> BECAME A DAY TO HONOR AMERICAN VETERANS OF ALL WARS, AND THE RINGING OF BELLS HAS NOW BEEN LARGELY FORGOTTEN; AND

**WHEREAS**, MILITARY PERSONNEL PAY AN ENORMOUS PRICE FOR WAR, AND FAR TOO MANY RETURN WITH BROKEN BODIES, AND DAMAGED MINDS AND SPIRITS, AND IN MODERN TIMES, NON-COMBATANT CASUALTIES HAVE INCREASED UNTIL CIVILIAN INJURIES AND DEATHS NOW EXCEED MILITARY CASUALTIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, IN RECENT YEARS THE VETERANS FOR PEACE CHAPTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE TRIED TO RESTORE THE ARMISTICE TO VETERANS DAY, AND THE UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO HAS REQUESTED THAT THE BELLS RING 11 TIMES AT THE 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MONTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF NEW MEXICO CITIZENS IS IMPORTANT TO THE HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY, AND WELLBEING OF OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, AS

## "ARMISTICE DAY 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND THE VETERANS FOR PEACE CHAPTER IS REQUESTING THAT ALL CHURCHES ACROSS NEW MEXICO EDUCATE THEIR CONGREGATIONS ON THE ORIGINAL MEANING OF ARMISTICE DAY AND REQUEST THAT THEY TOLL THEIR BELLS 11 TIMES AT 11AM ON NOVEMBER 11, 2018.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Susana Martinez*  
SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

