WHEREAS, throughout history, our nation’s brave men and women in uniform have risked their lives to protect the interests of our country and have defended our liberty and freedom from sea to shining sea; and

WHEREAS, World War I took place between July 1914 and November 1918, and is among the deadliest conflicts in world history. The United States of America officially entered the war on April 6, 1917, and more than 4 million American families sent their sons to serve in uniform, of whom 2 million were deployed overseas to fight; and

WHEREAS, November 11 is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended hostilities in World War I, where 116,516 Americans died and over 200,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of the bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance for those who died serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, to mark this solemn and noteworthy anniversary, the United States World War One Centennial Commission is calling on Americans across the nation to toll bells at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as

"Bells of Remembrance Day"

in the state of Oklahoma and encourage our state’s communities, houses of worship, cemeteries, and military installations to participate in the tolling of the bells.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." - Laurence Binyon

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 30th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and tenth year.

[Signature]
Mary Fallin
Governer

Acting Assistant Secretary of State