

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since the founding of our nation, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces and traveled to all corners of the globe to defend our nation in times of war and protect our freedom in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, a century ago, 4.7 million Americans, over 154,000 from Ohio, fought and sacrificed on the seas, in the air, and on foreign soil in the Great War to make the world safe for democracy; and

WHEREAS, after 1564 days of fighting, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the allied nations and Germany signed an armistice, bringing World War I to an end; and

WHEREAS, in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation declaring November 11 as Armistice Day to commemorate the agreement signed a year earlier; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Armistice Day would be renamed Veterans Day to commemorate the service and sacrifice of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, nothing that we say or do can fully express the depths of our gratitude for the historic service and sacrifice of our World War I veterans or the brave men and women of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, as a reminder of the price we pay for the freedom we cherish, we have an obligation to honor the valor and service of each and every veteran.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 11, 2018 as

VETERANS DAY & THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMISTICE

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to display the American flag to recognize and celebrate the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women who have served our state and nation and to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m.

On this 11th day of November 2018;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

