



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

NATIONAL TOLLING BELLS TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE GREAT WAR

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 to keep the peace in Europe and across the world; and

WHEREAS, 116,516 Americans, and 3,969 Virginians gave their lives in the war, and more than 200,000 were wounded; and

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

WHEREAS, we look back on the past century and the human cost of this War and pay tribute to all of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, in November 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize November 11, 2018, as **NATIONAL TOLLING BELLS TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE GREAT WAR** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth