Proclamation
by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, 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, the tolling of bells is a tradition of honor and remembrance; 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
Whereas, West Virginia was home of Frank Buckles, a Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who was the nation's last living link to World War I whose death in 2011 at age 110 marked the end of the Doughboy generation.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018 as:

Bells of Peace: World War I Remembrance

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to tolls bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State