Proclamation
by
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Governor
of the
Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, A century ago millions of American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and

WHEREAS, On the homefront citizens sacrificed, bringing American resources to bear in a unified effort. On the warfront brave Americans suffered incredible challenges including the struggles that were a part of trench warfare; and

WHEREAS, WWI introduced the nation to brave heroes like: Medal of Honor winners Alvin York, who captured 132 German soldiers following a vicious firefight; Frank Luke, the first pilot to win the Medal of Honor, who shot down 18 enemy planes during aerial combat when he was only 21 years old; and Henry Johnson of the “Harlem Hellfighters,” an all-black National Guard Unit who, after suffering a gunshot wound, continued to fight with his empty rifle as a club and his combat knife.

WHEREAS, In total 4.7 million Americans served during the war, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the effort and more than 200,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, On Armistice Day November 11, 1918, as World War I ended, church bells spontaneously rang out across Europe in celebration; and

WHEREAS, On November 11, 2018 the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 AM. This will commemorate the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the day of November 11, 2018, as

BELLS OF REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 17th day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen and in the 227th year of the Commonwealth.

MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE