

# Proclamation

by

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Governor

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*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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen and in the 227<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.



  
MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE