

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

#### Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance

*A National Tolling of Bells to Honor Those Who Served in the Great War*

*NOVEMBER 11, 2018*

*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; Pennsylvanians bought more than 3 billion dollars' worth of Liberty and Victory Bonds to support the war effort and produced nearly one half of the munitions supplied to the United States Army; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania provided a large proportion of the ships supplied to the Navy, and provided all of the anthracite and most of the bituminous coal to the nation during the war; and*

*WHEREAS, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war and more than 200,000 were wounded; and more than 297,000 Pennsylvanians served in the Great War, with 10,278 combat deaths, and 26,252 wounded; and*

*WHEREAS, The American Expeditionary Forces list of those Missing in Action includes 449 names from Pennsylvania; and*

*WHEREAS, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; 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 A.M., November 11, 1918 – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby call upon all Pennsylvanians across the state to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 am on November 11, 2018. I do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as BELLS OF PEACE: A WORLD WAR I REMEMBRANCE DAY in Pennsylvania.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty first day of August two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor