

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BELL TOLLING IN REMEMBRANCE OF WWI NOVEMBER 11, 2018

WHEREAS, over 62,000 Marylanders served in World War I and nearly 2,000 gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, there are many sites in Maryland with historical significance to World War I; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland World War I Centennial Commission has been working to develop and execute plans for projects and activities recognizing the 100th Anniversary of World War I with particular emphasis on Marylanders who made the supreme sacrifice and those who returned home

wounded;

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I at 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918 -- often referred to as the eleventh hour of the

eleventh day of the eleventh month;

WHEREAS, the United States World War I Centennial Commission has issued a proclamation calling upon Americans to participate in a national tolling of bells to honor those who served in the Great War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby call upon all citizens across the State of Maryland to toll bells twenty-one times with a five-second interval between tolls beginning at 11:00 am on November 11, 2018 in remembrance of those who served in World War I.

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Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 8th day of August

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