



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on April 6, 1917 at 1:11pm, the United States of America entered into World War One, formally declaring war on Germany and its allies; and

WHEREAS, today, 100 years later, we have the opportunity to remember the “War to end all Wars”, to educate our children, and to honor the men and women who fought bravely for our Country, especially those approximately 100,000 Tennesseans who volunteered or were drafted into the Great War; and

WHEREAS, some Tennesseans were already serving in the militaries of other nations, having dedicated themselves even before our country declared war, another example of our Volunteer spirit; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1925, the War Memorial Building was dedicated by the people of Tennessee to commemorate those who fought and died, and allowing all to remember the sacrifices that were made; and

WHEREAS, women also participated in the war effort in a variety of ways, whether being able to serve in the Armed Forces for the first time, working in war bond drives, Red Cross programs or at munitions factories; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans served in the US Army's 30th and 82nd Divisions, others in the Marine Corps, Army Air Corps and the Navy; we remember our 3,400 brothers and sisters who perished in service to our country;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2017 as the

Centennial Commemoration of the U.S. Entry into World War I

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this thirtieth day of March, 2017.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Julie Wight, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

