

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee Veterans come from every creed, religion, race and gender; and

WHEREAS, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen have donned the uniform of the United States and served in each war and conflict with courage and dignity; and

WHEREAS, today we recognize Gulf War Era Veterans who are the largest Veteran cohort in our Nation, Vietnam Veterans who will continue to receive a belated Welcome Home, Korean War Veterans who won for us the Forgotten Victory, World War II Veterans of the Greatest Generation, World War I Veterans who we memorialize today, as well as all those who served in peacetime; and

WHEREAS, the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that brought an end to World War I at 11:00am, November 11, 1018 - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, the United States World War I Centennial Commission does hereby call upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells 21 times in remembrance of over 4 million who served in World War I at 11:00am on November 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the cause of peace and freedom has been upheld by these warriors who stand among us, no longer in uniform and the State of Tennessee extends its gratitude for Tennessee Veterans' selfless service to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as

<u>Veterans</u> Day

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 nineteenth day of October, 2018.

Governor

Secretary of State