



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Special recognition honoring the service and sacrifice of the Servicemembers of World War I.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 1914, after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the world became engaged in one of the most violent and severe conflicts in human history; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States declared war on Germany and its Central Powers allies on April 6, 1917, and Illinois became part of the vast conflict that would mark America's emergence as a global superpower; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States sent 4,734,991 brave soldiers, sailors, and Marines to Europe, of which 116,516 paid the ultimate sacrifice while fighting for their country; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 351,000 Illinois men served in the Army, Navy and Marines during World War I, and 5,000 died while deployed on foreign soil; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County saw many of its sons, brothers, and fathers travel to Europe to fight in the War and many never returned; and

**WHEREAS**, World War I ended on November 11, 1918.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RECOGNIZED**, by this Lake County Board, that it hereby recognizes the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as November 11, 2018, in honor of the service members who were deployed to fight in the Great War, and

**BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED**, that the Lake County Board deems Fiscal Year 2019 to be a solemn commemoration of the Centennial of World War I.

**DATED**, at Waukegan, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on February 12, 2019.