

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, a tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission has called upon all Americans across our nation to honor and remember those who served by tolling "Bells of Peace" at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018; and*

*WHEREAS, a century ago, 4.7 million American sons and daughters put on the uniform to serve our nation in World War I; and*

*WHEREAS, men and women from our own fair City of Belleville served selflessly and honorably in this global conflict; and*

*WHEREAS, there were 375,000 American casualties including 116,516 deaths in World War I; and*

*WHEREAS, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918, an armistice to the fighting was declared.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as **World War I Centennial Armistice Remembrance Day** in Belleville, and call upon our citizens to honor and remember all Americans who served and sacrificed for our community, for our country and for the future of our nation.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville, Illinois to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, 2018.* *in the Past . . . Promise for the Future*



*Mark W. Eckert*  
Mark W. Eckert, Mayor  
November 11, 2018