A World War I Commemorative Proclamation

WHEREAS, World War I, also known as the Great War, began in Europe on July 28, 1914 and ended with an armistice signed on November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS, a century ago 4.7 million American Families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and

WHEREAS, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war, and more than 200,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, men and women from area communities now known as Butner, NC served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and

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

WHEREAS, in November 2018 the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 -- the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the United States World War I Centennial Commission called upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I on Armistice Day, November 11, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Turner, Mayor of the Town of Butner, along with the Butner Town Council do hereby call upon all Butner citizens to pause at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018 and recognize, commemorate, and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of those who served in World War I.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Butner NC, to be affixed this the 7th of November 2018.

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Terry Turner, Mayor