

# *Proclamation*

## *A World War I Remembrance*

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

WHEREAS, men and women from the state of Texas, city of Chappell Hill, and surrounding counties of Washington County served selflessly and honorably in World War I;

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

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;

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;

It is, therefore, with the deepest respect and recognition for those who served in World War I, that Retired Col. Eddie Harrison, Mount Seriah Baptist Church and The Chappell Hill Cultural Heritage Group encourages Washington County residents and community members to toll bells at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2018.