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PROCLAMATION

A NATIONAL TOLLING OF BELLS TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE GREAT WAR

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

WHEREAS, men and women from the State of Nebraska, City of Columbus served selflessly and honorably in the Great War; and

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

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

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918 – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, the United States World War I Centennial Commission has issued a proclamation calling upon Americans to participate in a national tolling of bells to honor those who served in the Great War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Bulkley, Mayor of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, do hereby call upon the citizens of Columbus, Nebraska to toll the bells of the churches and bell towers twenty-one times with a 5-second interval between tolls, beginning at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 11, 2018, in remembrance of those who served in World War I.



James B. Bulkley
James B. Bulkley, Mayor