RESOLUTION NUMBER 52, 2018

In Support of a National Tolling of the Bells to Honor Those Who Served in the Great War

WHEREAS, a century ago the resources of the entire nation were brought to bear on the war effort of World War I, when 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters to fight; and

WHEREAS, during the "war to end all wars", 116,516 Americans gave their lives, and more than 200,000 were wounded, exacerbated by new technological and industrial developments; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1918, known as "Armistice Day", ended the fighting of World War I at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, launching a rippling toll of the bells as traditional expression of honor and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. celebrates the 100th anniversary of this profound day in history as Americans across the nation are encouraged to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I.

RESOLVED, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ERIE COUNTY in the spirit of cooperation, joins with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the City of Erie, and the nation in declaring the tolling of the bells for Erie County on November 11, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that citizen Mary Jane Koenig is hereby commended for her individual efforts to bring a community remembrance, which is the greatest tribute we may give to the 45 million casualties suffered worldwide in the "war to end all wars...".

On the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leone, this resolution was passed on this 16th day of October, 2018 by a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. Kyle Foust, Chairman
Erie County Council

APPROVED BY:

Kathy Dahlenkemper,
County Executive

Date: 10/15/18

ATTEST:

Douglas R. Smith
County Clerk

Date: 10-16-2018