



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, a century ago, 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in World War I. This November 11<sup>th</sup> will mark the centennial of the Armistice, which ended hostilities in World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 26,000 men and women from the State of Connecticut served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war, and over 1,900 of those who left Connecticut to serve would never return; and

**WHEREAS**, November 11<sup>th</sup> is an occasion to both remember and commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who fought, but also to renew the hopes of the day for a just and lasting peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the tolling of bells has been a traditional expression of honor and remembrance in our Nation's history; and

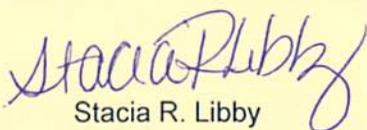
**WHEREAS**, in November 2018, the world will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I at 11:00 am, November 11, 1918 – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Essex Veterans Memorial honors the memory of 174 residents who served in World War I, ten of whom did not return. Two servicemen were Killed in Action: Parker VANAMEE, First Lieutenant, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd "Indianhead" Division, Died of Wounds received during the Saint-Mihiel Offensive, October 2, 1918, and Charles E. CLARK, Private First Class, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 26th "Yankee" Division, Killed in Action during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, October 22, 1918.

**THEREFORE**, I, Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman of the Town of Essex, do hereby call upon the people of Essex, Connecticut to join in a National Tolling of Bells of Peace in the Town of Essex in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice, and those who served in World War I, at 11:00 am on November 11, 2018.

Signed,

  
Norman M. Needleman  
First Selectman

  
Stacia R. Libby  
Selectman

  
Bruce M. Glowac  
Selectman