



CITY OF GAHANNA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation
Bells of Peace
A World War Centennial Armistice
Remembrance Day

WHEREAS: A tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance of those who served and sacrificed; and

WHEREAS: A century ago 4.7 million American sons and daughters put on the uniform to serve our nation and the world in this global conflict; and

WHEREAS: Members from our own community of Gahanna served selflessly and honorably in World War 1; and

WHEREAS: There were 375,000 American casualties including 116,516 deaths. The freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been purchased and maintained at a high price throughout our history; and

WHEREAS: On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918, an armistice to the fighting was declared and on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War 1 was observed; and

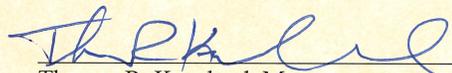
WHEREAS: The U.S. World War One Centennial Commission has called upon all Americans across the nation to honor and remember those who served. We owe a great debt to those who have served in defense of this great nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio call upon the citizens and institutions of our community to toll the bells in remembrance of the Armistice at 11:00 AM local time on November 11, 2018. I hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as

Bells of Peace: A World War 1
Remembrance Day



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio to be affixed on this 11th day of November in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.


Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor