WHEREAS: A tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; 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: Men and women from our own fair community of Irving served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and
WHEREAS: There were 375,000 American casualties including 116,516 deaths; and
WHEREAS: On the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, an armistice to the fighting was declared; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rick Stopfer, Mayor of the City of Irving, and the City Council do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 11, 2018, as:

Bells of Peace Day

and call upon the citizens and institutions to toll the bells in remembrance of the Armistice at 11:00 a.m. local time in Irving, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 5th day of November, 2018.

Richard H. Stopfer, Mayor