

City of Kinston

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

"Bells of Peace"

A World War I Centennial Armistice Remembrance

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 fair community of Kinston 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 of 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kinston in the State of North Carolina does hereby call upon the citizens and institutions of our community to toll the bells in remembrance of the Armistice at 11:00 a.m. local time on November 11, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Kinston this the 11th day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Hardy", is written over a circular official seal.

Don Hardy
Mayor