

# Proclamation

## BELLS OF PEACE

(A WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL ARMISTICE REMEMBRANCE)

November 11, 2018

- 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 Norwalk served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and
- WHEREAS,** There were 375,000 American casualties including 116,516 deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918, an armistice to the fighting was declared; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States World War I Centennial Commission has called upon all Americans across the nation to honor and remember those who served.

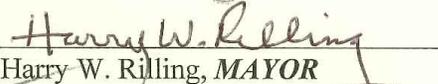
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY W. RILLING, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORWALK** do hereby acknowledge and honor:

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in Norwalk, and, in so doing, 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 set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Norwalk, Connecticut to be affixed on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
Harry W. Rilling, **MAYOR**  
City of Norwalk, Connecticut

