

TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY  
Piscataway, New Jersey

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** November 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the armistice of World War I, also known as The Great War, on November 11, 1918; and
- WHEREAS,** The commander in chief of the American armed forces during World War I was our 28th President of the United States Woodrow Wilson who previously served as the 34th Governor of New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS,** According to the United States World War One Centennial Commission, 72,946 conscripts and 46,960 volunteers from New Jersey would serve in uniform in World War I upon the passage of the Selective Service Act of 1917; and
- WHEREAS,** By adding in those from New Jersey already serving in the military before American involvement in the war that over 140,000 New Jerseyans would serve in uniform by the date of the armistice; and
- WHEREAS,** Holmes Marshall, a son of Piscataway, died in uniform in service to the United States on June 14, 1918 in Cantigny, France; and
- WHEREAS,** According to the Centennial Commission, “Many New Jersey-born African Americans joined the 369th Infantry Regiment, a unit organized in nearby New York,” which was the first African American regiment in the American Expeditionary Force; and
- WHEREAS,** The Army and Navy Nurse Corps included thousands of women and according to the Centennial Commission, “New Jersey was the training site for approximately 300 women who served in the Army Signal Corps as bilingual (French-English) long-distance operators;” and
- WHEREAS,** Nine service members from New Jersey received the Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest award, for their heroism in World War I; and

**WHEREAS,** More than three dozen military installations in New Jersey were either created or improved for the war effort; and



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**WHEREAS,** Prior to America's entry into World War I, facilities and means of transportation in New Jersey suffered damage by acts of enemy sabotage; and

**WHEREAS,** The 29th President of the United States Warren G. Harding formally ended American involvement in World War I by signing into law the Knox-Porter Resolution while in central New Jersey on July 2, 1921; and

**WHEREAS,** The Centennial Commission is encouraging communities and individuals across the country to participate in the Bells of Peace program whereby bells are sounded on November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in honor of the service of Americans in World War I.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brian C. Wahler, Mayor of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the participation of Piscataway Township in the Bells of Peace program; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** encourage those facilities in Piscataway Township that have bells to participate in the Bells of Peace program.



Brian C. Wahler, Mayor

October 24, 2018  
DATE

