Proclamation

WHEREAS, a century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and

WHEREAS, men and women from Riverside, California, served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and

WHEREAS, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war and more than 200,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the United States World War I Centennial Commission called upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells on Armistice Day, November 11, 2018 in remembrance of those who served in World War I; and

WHEREAS, the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William R. Bailey, III, Mayor of the City of Riverside, California, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2018, as

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and on behalf of the City Council, call upon all residents in our community to toll bells at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2018 in remembrance of those who served in World War I.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2018.

[Signature]

WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III, Mayor
City of Riverside, California