



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

*HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME*

### *Proclamation*

*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 the global conflict known as World War I. A conflict that saw 375,000 American casualties including 116,516 deaths; and

*Whereas,*

Men and women from our own fair City of Springfield, Massachusetts answered the call and served selflessly and honorably in World War I; 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 U.S. World War One Centennial Commission has called upon all Americans across the nation to honor and remember those who served; and

*Whereas,*

The City of Springfield 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.

*Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor*

of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

**Sunday, November 11, 2018**

**“Bells of Peace Day”**

in the great City of Springfield and I strongly encourage all our citizens to join with me in acknowledging this event.

*“Godspeed!”*

**DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR**