

PROCLAMATION

"Bells of Peace"

A World War I Centennial Armistice Remembrance

WHEREAS: a century ago, 4.7 million Americans including men and women from West Springfield put on the uniform to serve our nation and the world in this global conflict; and,

WHEREAS: these Americans served selflessly and honorably; sadly 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 to the fighting was declared; and,

WHEREAS: the United States World War One Centennial Commission has called upon all Americans across the nation to honor and remember those who served.



NOW **T**HEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of West Springfield, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts does hereby call upon the citizens of our community to "toll the bells" in remembrance of the Armistice at 11:00 a.m. local time on November 11, 2018.

IN **W**ITNESS **W**HEREOF; I, Mayor William C. Reichelt have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the Town of West Springfield on this, the 11th day of November 2018

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William C. Reichelt', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor William C. Reichelt

