

Village of Oxford Proclaims

Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance

A National Tolling of Bells to Honor Those Who Served in the Great War

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 the community of Oxford New York 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, in November 2018 the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry M. Stark, Mayor, Village of Oxford, New York by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Village of Oxford and the Village Laws of the State of New York do hereby call upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of Oxford this 4th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Terry M. Stark

