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 this global conflict; and

WHEREAS, men and women from our own fair City of Alexandria, served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and

WHEREAS, 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 U.S. World War One Centennial Commission has called upon all Americans across the nation to honor and remember those who served.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23rd of October, 2018.

> MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG On behalf of the City Council

of Alexandria, Virginia