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**Recognize November 11, 2018 as Veterans Day in Los Angeles County and
Recognizing the Centennial Commemoration of World War I**

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1918 at the end of the First World War (WWI). It was celebrated by the tolling of church bell worldwide. The first annual celebration under the new name of “Veterans Day” was formalized by Congress in 1926 to pay tribute to all American veterans, living or deceased. This year, Veterans Day also marks the Centennial Commemoration of the end of WWI and, in Los Angeles, we will honor the lives of the 80,800 veterans that rest at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, including an estimated 6,600 WWI veterans. In 2013, an act of Congress created the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission. The 12-member Commission was appointed by President Obama and the leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, as well as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National World War 1 Museum. All five living former Presidents serve on the commission as honorary chairmen. The commission’s mission has been to plan, develop, and execute programs, projects and activities to commemorate the

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Centennial of WWI.

As part of this planning, the commission created the “Bells of Peace” initiative, which calls for organizations across the nation to join the bell toll at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018 to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors recognize November 11, 2018 as Veterans Day in Los Angeles County and express our deep gratitude and support of our nation’s veterans and current service members.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors encourage all citizens and interested groups to participate in the “Bells of Peace” initiative and toll bells on November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. to commemorate the Centennial of WWI and the approximate 116,000 US veterans who lost their lives during WWI.

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