



CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

VETERANS DAY  
NOVEMBER 11, 2011

**WHEREAS**, For decades America has paused on the 11th of November, the anniversary of the armistice that concluded World War I, to remember and to honor our veterans of military service. We do so in proud and grateful recognition of the hardships and sacrifices demanded from and faithfully accepted by the millions of men and women who have defended our land in war and in peace; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Reagan once said, "No weaponry arsenal in the world is as formidable as the will and the moral courage of free men and women." John F. Kennedy once said, "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission;" and

**WHEREAS**, It was free men and women like our veterans who carried the burden of liberty to provide us with the blessings of democracy. Our honored veterans gave us freedom over oppression, justice over tyranny, and the right to live as individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States is a beacon of opportunity for us and of hope for people the world over because of the great Americans in uniform who protect our liberty and defend our American dream. The men and women now serving in our Armed Forces follow in their valiant footsteps, representing the best our nation has to offer, assuming the legacy of our veterans as a symbol of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, On this day, we pause to remember their courage, commemorate their legacy and rededicate ourselves to protecting the greatest democracy the world has ever known. The City of Rochelle is proud to be the home to so many distinguished veterans.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chet Olson, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2011, Veterans Day. I urge all citizens to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremony and private prayer. It is our obligation to remember their commitment to service and recognize their importance to our past and to our future.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

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Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce McKinney, City Clerk

