



City of Rochelle, Illinois

Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

The Daughters of the American Revolution - Wreaths Across America Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Wreaths Across America organization was formed in 2007 as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project of 1992, where wreaths were laid at the graves of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Wreaths Across America organization is to REMEMBER the fallen, to HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, each year, Wreaths Across America chooses a new theme to help supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities and has chosen the theme for 2019 of “**Everyone Plays a Part**”; and

WHEREAS, each year, this mission is carried out by the coordination of wreath laying ceremonies on a specified date in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at veteran's cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond; and

WHEREAS, one of the patriotic goals of the Daughters of the American Revolution is to honor, respect, and support veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Daughters of the American Revolution fosters cooperative arrangements with patriotic organizations such as the Wreaths Across America organization in pursuit of our common goals; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, December 15th, 2019 at 2pm has been chosen as the date for this ceremony to occur at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Rochelle;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, encourage all members of our community, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and other patriotic and veteran's organizations, on this solemn day of remembrance, to participate and “Play their Part” in these ceremonies in Rochelle and throughout our great nation.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

