



CITY OF ROCHELLE, IL  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
PROCLAMATION

## VETERANS DAY

**WHEREAS**, THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY AS AMERICANS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AND MAINTAINED AT A HIGH PRICE THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORIGINAL 13 STATES, AMERICANS HAVE BEEN WILLING TO FIGHT AND DIE TO PRESERVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS GUARANTEED IN THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, WE OWE A GREAT DEBT TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN DEFENSE OF THIS NATION; AND

**WHEREAS**, THROUGHOUT THE GENERATIONS, THEIR SACRIFICES HAVE PRESERVED OUR UNIQUE FORM OF GOVERNMENT DEDICATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL; AND,

**WHEREAS**, FOR MANY, THAT SACRIFICE HAS ENDED IN PERMANENT INJURY OR DEATH, YET THEIR SPIRIT REMAINS IN THE CONTINUED PRESERVATION OF OUR FREEDOM AND THE PROMISE OF LIBERTY ESTABLISHED AS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL THE OPPRESSED PERSONS OF THE WORLD; AND,

**WHEREAS**, IN HONOR OF THESE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN, WE PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED DEFENSE OF OUR NATION SO THAT THEIR SACRIFICE WILL STAND BEFORE THE ENTIRE WORLD AS A TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION OF A PEOPLE DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOHN BEARROWS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 11, 2020 AS **VETERANS DAY** AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO HONOR OUR VETERANS AND REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE PRESERVATION OF OUR LIBERTIES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE TO BE AFFIXED.

DATED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

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JOHN BEARROWS, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
SUSAN L. MESSER, CITY CLERK

