

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, our great nation was founded on the belief that all Americans are created equal, and that all Americans are guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

*WHEREAS*, the freedoms we enjoy as Americans do not come without a price. Our nation's veterans have sacrificed to preserve and protect our country and constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic; and

*WHEREAS*, on November 11, 1919, this day was initially proclaimed as "Armistice Day" to honor our country's World War I veterans. It was the one-year anniversary of the armistice of Compiegne. The historic agreement which brought an end to the war on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month in 1918; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1954, president Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation which proclaimed every November 11<sup>th</sup> as a day to honor all veterans of the united states armed forces. Establishing this as a national day to thank these men and women for their service to our country;

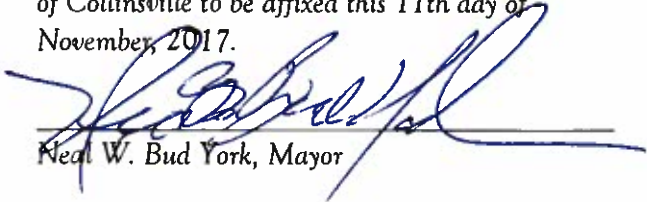
*NOW, THEREFORE I*, Neal W. Bud York, Mayor of the City of Collinsville, Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

## **"VETERANS DAY"**

I urge all citizens to proudly display the flag of the United States of America throughout the City of Collinsville and thank all veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country. I also ask that we pray for the safe return of service members currently serving abroad. I ask that we remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice - losing their lives on the battlefield - and to keep in our thoughts and prayers those who remain missing in action, and to never rest until they come home.



*IN WITNESS THEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Collinsville to be affixed this 11th day of November, 2017.

  
Neal W. Bud York, Mayor