

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed “Armistice Day” in 1919 on the first anniversary of the World War I truce expressing pride in the heroism of those who had died during the war. It was honored by a halt in business starting at 11 a.m. on November 11th and consequently observed in the same manner in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was made a state holiday in many states in the ‘20s and ‘30s, and, in 1938, the U.S. Congress declared it a federal holiday—“with respect for, and in recognition of, the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world.” Congress provided that November 11th of each year be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor our Nation’s veterans; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, after World War II required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen in the Nation’s history, and after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars; and

WHEREAS, All surviving veterans fully deserve our undying gratitude and appreciation for their valor on this 11th day of November, with special thanks to our New Mexico veterans who have served our country with dignity, guaranteeing freedom to all US citizens.

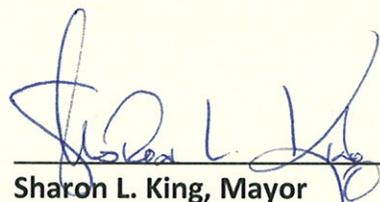
NOW THEREFORE, I, Sharon L. King, Mayor of the City of Portales, State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby declare the 11th day of November 2014 as:

VETERANS DAY

“A DAY TO HONOR VETERANS IN PORTALES, NEW MEXICO”

with hope that their heroism will forever be recognized and cherished by the citizens of this community.




Sharon L. King, Mayor