



# *Proclamation*

## **Veterans Day 2023**

**TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:**

**WHEREAS,** Veterans Day has its origins in the November 11, 1918 armistice which brought World War I to a conclusion; and

**WHEREAS,** The Allied victory in World War I affirmed the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** The people of the United States caused through their elected representatives the designating of November 11 as a federal legal holiday which in 1954 became officially known as Veterans Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Veterans Day continues to be celebrated and commemorated with solemn observances in honor of all Americans who have served their country in times of war and conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** The courage, honor, sacrifice, and dedication which veterans of the United States armed forces have displayed in the cause of justice, freedom, and democracy are most worthy of recognition; now,

**THEREFORE,** I Jim Benage, Mayor, do hereby call upon all citizens to commend America's veterans and observe with solemn pride November 11, 2023 to be celebrated as Veterans Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Bel Aire, Kansas this 7th day of November, 2023.

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Jim Benage, Mayor

