



## 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, 2021 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 2nd day of November, 2021.

Jim Benage, Mayor