



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Ben Walsh, Mayor**

### PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** an Armistice was signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11 month of 1918 and fighting ceased in the “war to end all wars.” On May 13, 1938, November 11 became a federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day” in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS,** during the Cold War era Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day, changing the essence of the holiday from one dedicated to peace to one celebrating and honoring the warriors of hard fought wars. Towns, cities, corporations and sports leagues usually refer to it as “military appreciation day” or “troop appreciation week”; and
- WHEREAS,** warfare of any kind always leads to the loss of life and the threat against the possibility of generational peace; and
- WHEREAS,** there no longer exists a national holiday dedicated to peace as was the intent behind the creation of Armistice Day; and
- WHEREAS,** with such a large focus on increased military budgets, it is also imperative that critical domestic and human needs such as education, healthcare and averting catastrophic climate destruction are equally invested in; and
- WHEREAS,** it is time to begin acknowledging the militarization of our society while devoting our time, energy and resources to the development and nourishment of a culture of non-violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I BEN WALSH,** Mayor of the City of Syracuse, hereby proclaim the Eleventh Day of November, Two Thousand and Nineteen to be

## Armistice Day for Peace

In the City of Syracuse

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Syracuse to be imprinted on this Eighth Day of November, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

**Ben Walsh**  
Mayor

