

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

**RESOLVE #3-14/15 - Asking that bells be rung at 11:00 a.m. on Veterans Day.
Passage requires majority vote.**

Position:

State law (30-A M.R.S.A. §2901) requires municipalities to ring any publicly owned or controlled bells at 11:00 a.m. on Veterans Day and requires municipalities to ask that any privately owned bell be rung at 11:00 a.m. Accordingly, Resolve #3-14/15 states that the City will ring any bells in its possession at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, and also asks residents to ring any bells they own at the same hour.

Requested Action:

Council passage of RESOLVE #3-14/15.


City Manager



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RESOLVE #3-14/15

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WHEREAS, November 11 is the national observance of Veterans Day;
and

WHEREAS, 11:00 a.m. on November 11 is a time of historical significance, being the date and time of the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day observances include paying tribute to veterans of all United States wars; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Portland joins with the rest of the nation in paying tribute to veterans on November 11 and seeks to encourage all residents of the City to recognize and honor the contributions of veterans on this day; and

WHEREAS, residents have planned a Veterans Day parade for November 11 honoring veterans of all U.S. wars and those men and women currently serving in the U.S. armed forces; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of South Portland will cause any public bell within its control to be rung at 11:00 a.m. on November 11; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby respectfully requests any person, business or organization within the City of South Portland in possession or control of a bell to ring the bell at 11:00 a.m. on November 11.

[Fiscal Note: less than \$1,000]

DATED: November 3, 2014