



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an integral piece of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved on April 17, 1952 (*66 Stat. 64*), has provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation"; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Congress, by *Public Law 100-307*, called on the President to "proclaim the First Thursday in May in each year, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals"; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer has great significance for the United States as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people; and


WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds, and belongs to all Americans; and

THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, do hereby Proclaim this 2nd day of May 2024 as

"National Day of Prayer"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this day of May 2, 2024.




Leslie Waters, Mayor