



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, throughout history Americans have lifted fervent prayers to God on behalf of our nation; and

WHEREAS, from the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, including the authors of our Declaration of Independence, and carried on to present day in Presidential Proclamations; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has not only been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, but it is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 directing the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis is committed to protecting every Floridian's right to religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Governor DeSantis signed HB 529, which institutes a daily moment of silence in Florida schools for students to pray or reflect; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis recognized the necessity of faith-based institutions and fought to protect the right of Floridians and attend religious services during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 72nd consecutive annual observance nationally and the 29th consecutive annual observance at the Florida State Capitol of the National Day of Prayer, and the theme this year, as observed by the National Day of Prayer Task Force is, "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much"; and

WHEREAS, on this National Day of Prayer, we thank God for our many blessings and pray favor over our Great State of Florida, leaning not on our own understanding, but trusting God in all things.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 4, 2023, as *National Day of Prayer in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 4th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-three.


Governor