

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS,

The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God, the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS,

The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress, themselves, begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS,

In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS,

The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for American to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS,

It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Nebraska when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS,

This year marks the 73rd annual National Day of Prayer; Our theme for 2024 is Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World taken from 2 Samuel 22: 29-31: "For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness - the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him".

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 2nd day of May, 2024, as a

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER


in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Sixteenth Day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-four.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor