



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 67<sup>th</sup> observance of the National Day of Prayer will be *Pray for America: Unity*; and

**WHEREAS**, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; in 1952, the United States Congress approved a joint resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307 (1988), mandates observance of the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees and protects the freedom to exercise and practice religious beliefs, including prayer; the leaders and people of our nation are afforded the freedom and have relied on prayer during times of thanksgiving, times of sorrow, and times of uncertainty throughout our history; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolinians of all faiths and backgrounds pray to express faith and beliefs; on this and all days, people will gather throughout our state in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose for the benefit of every individual; and

**WHEREAS**, in observance of the National Day of Prayer, we especially pray for and remember those who defend our freedoms, and ask for peace throughout our state, nation, and world;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2018, as "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.