



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the President and United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307 (1988), mandate 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; leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege and have relied on prayer during times of thanksgiving, of sorrow, and of uncertainty in our nation and beyond throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians from all faiths and backgrounds pray to express faith and cherished beliefs; on this and all days, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise our freedom to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state; and

WHEREAS, 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 4, 2017, as "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




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 seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.