

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the theme for the 68th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be *Pray for America: Love One Another*; 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

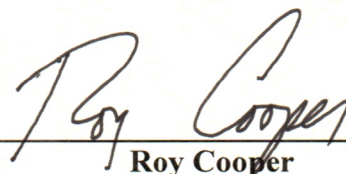
WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees and protects the freedom to exercise and practice religious beliefs, including prayer; the leaders and people of our nation are afforded the freedom and have relied on prayer during times of thanksgiving, times of sorrow, and times 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 2, 2019, 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 first day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.