

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the theme for the 69th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be *Pray God's Glory Across the Earth*; 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

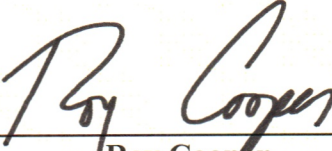
WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees and protects the freedom to exercise and practice religious beliefs, including prayer; the leaders and people of our nation are afforded the freedom and have relied on prayer during times of thanksgiving, times of sorrow, and times 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 risk their lives for our freedom, health, and well-being, and ask for peace throughout our world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2020, 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-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.