



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Americans of many faiths have turned to prayer for guidance, peace, and hope; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians of different faith backgrounds pray to express their beliefs, seek help and strength, and give thanks for blessings; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; it was further established by a joint resolution in the United States Congress in 1952; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's observance of the National Day of Prayer is *Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much*; and

WHEREAS, on this National Day of Prayer, let those of us who choose to do so join together to pray for our nation and our neighbors; may we pray for guidance, wisdom and mercy; and may we seek to unify our hearts, our communities, and our country through prayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2023, 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 second day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.