

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 7 AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, through-out history, America has faced trials and triumphs, and Americans have responded in prayer seeking courage and comfort, inspiration, and joy-filled celebration. Faith compels us to seek and cling to the light in times of darkness and spread light to those in need; and

WHEREAS, from the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, including the authors of our Declaration of Independence, wrote that they, "the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world..." and carried on to present day in Presidential proclamations such as last year's invitation to "join him in asking for God's continued guidance, mercy, and protection."; and

WHEREAS, A National Day of Prayer has not only been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, but it is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as The National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, in every state across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, with the theme, "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations" based on the verse in I Chronicles 16:24, a prayer of Thanksgiving, "Tell of His glory among nations, His wonderful deeds among all peoples,";

WHEREAS, in every state across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday,

WHEREAS, unified prayer is mobilized across America every first Thursday of May on the National Day of Prayer as neighbors come together to join their hearts and voices in reading sacred Scriptures and attending services to seek God for the city and country where we live, learn, work, worship, serve, and desire all to thrive; and we express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer, then unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings across America with fervent praise, repentance, love, and humble intercession for our neighbor and nation, holding fast to the promises throughout the Holy Scriptures that the Lord hears and avails much as He answers the faith-filled prayers of His people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognizes May 7 as the National Day of Prayer in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 21st day of April 2026, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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 Supervisor - 1st District

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 ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

