

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our national heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a day of observance as a joint resolution, "That the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation in churches, in groups, and as individuals"; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress, in 1988 by Public Law 100-307, as amended, establishes, "An act to provide for setting aside the first Thursday in May as the date on which the National Day of Prayer is celebrated"; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders and citizens of our communities, cities, states, and nation are afforded the privilege of prayer with the joy of seeking divine guidance, strength, protection, inspiration, solidarity and comfort from Almighty God; and

**WHEREAS**, we pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces and the many selfless sacrifices they and their families make on behalf of our nation, for the police officers, firefighters, and all other first responders who put themselves in harm's way every day to protect their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, across our land on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation and state to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received from Him, to ask God for the sustenance and guidance for all of us to meet the great challenges we face as a Nation, and to invoke God's blessings upon our leaders;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024** be known as

### "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 2024**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**ATTEST:**

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