

## **RESOLUTION NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

***WHEREAS, in 1775, The Continental Congress proclaimed A National Day of Prayer, which was “designated a time of prayer when forming this nation.” They stated faith and prayer were fundamental to the formation of this nation; giving strength, wisdom and peace to mankind; and***

***WHEREAS, on March 30, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a Congressional Resolution calling for a Day of Fasting and Prayer during the Civil War (1860-1865); and***

***WHEREAS, in 1952, Congress established an Annual Day of Prayer, during which people throughout the United States were encouraged to pause in repentance and intercession for our nation; and***

***WHEREAS, on May 05, 1988, President, Ronald Regan signed Public Law 100-307 designating the first Thursday in May as the annual National Day of Prayer; and***

***WHEREAS, in April 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit upheld the 1952 Congressional act proclaiming the annual National Day of Prayer to be observed nationwide; and***

***WHEREAS, the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual National Day of Prayer theme is "Pray fervently in righteousness and avail much." The 2023 National Day of Prayer theme scripture is James 5:16; “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”; and***

***WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to Almighty God, acknowledge our blessings, yield in repentance, ask the Lord to lead us, give us the wisdom to pursue Him, and ask that we flourish in all the work God has for us in the days and weeks ahead; and***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby recognize, Thursday, May 04, 2023, as the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual National Day of Prayer in Tarrant County.***

***IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, and caused the Seal of Tarrant County be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2023.***