



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and revered history in America, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence made "the laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have unalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May annually as National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in prayer to give thanks for blessings received, request healing for wounds endured, and ask God to guide our leaders and bring harmony to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give prayers of thankfulness for the religious freedoms and civil liberties with which we are blessed and observe a Day of Prayer in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer with the theme "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2, 2024
AS
A DAY OF PRAYER

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twelfth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-four, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United State.


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