

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, first called for in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, days of prayer have continued through our country's history; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, and amended by Congress and President Reagan in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans; it is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds and faiths to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, with the theme *Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World*, the 2024 National Day of Prayer provides an opportunity to not only express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer but unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings throughout our state and across America with fervent praise, repentance, love, and humble intercession for our neighbor, our nation, and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2024, as

SOUTH CAROLINA DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate this event in a manner consistent with their own faith.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA