



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer was first declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 with a public law being established by the United States Congress in 1952, setting aside a day each year, in keeping with our heritage, for our nation to come together and pray; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the United States Congress and President Reagan amended the 1952 public law to affirm that it is essential for the nation to pray and designating the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer as will be observed by people throughout the Commonwealth and our nation; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our Commonwealth and our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, giving thanks, and renewing our reliance on God; and

WHEREAS, Virginians are encouraged to exercise our freedoms to gather and pray to unify hearts, communities, our Commonwealth, and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize May 2, 2024, as **VIRGINIA DAY OF PRAYER** in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Glenn Youngkin
Governor

Kerry Lee
Secretary of the Commonwealth