

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans, bringing together citizens from all socioeconomic, political, religious and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 73rd observance of the National Day of Prayer with the theme: "Lift Up the Word; Light Up the World"; and

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer has been part of the United States heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1952, the United States Congress approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray for our nation; and

WHEREAS, citizens and leaders across the nation have the opportunity to reaffirm the spiritual heritage and principles built by our Founding Fathers; and

WHEREAS, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have 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, we specifically pray for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation, and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2024 as

## ARIZONA DAY OF PRAYER

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE