

Office of the Mayor Proclamation

MAY 5TH, 2016 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, prayers have been offered by every generation of Americans. During times of strength and times of weakness, in moments of joy and moments of despair, in times of trust and times of uncertainty, America has prayed, seeking repentance, giving thanks and asking for guidance and grace, and;

WHEREAS, In 1775, the Continental Congress asked the colonies to join in prayer, seeking wisdom as they faced the responsibility and opportunity of building a new nation. Years later, during a time of national turmoil, President John Adams declared "a day of solemn humiliation, fasting and prayer" and asked citizens of all faiths to pray for America's protection from danger. Later, as the Civil War tore our nation apart President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of national fasting and prayer, saying "it behooves us...to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray to the God that made us.", and;

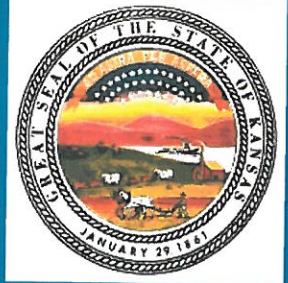
WHEREAS, Today, Americans continue in the tradition of our forefathers by recognizing the power of prayer in our lives and cherish our right to pray freely. Since President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution of Congress creating a day of prayer in 1952, one day each year is dedicated to national supplication.

THEREFORE, I, Todd Heitschmidt, Mayor of the City of Marion, Kansas do hereby proclaim Thursday May 5, 2016 as a day of corporate prayer and encourage all Marionites of faith to come together in prayer, acknowledging God's glory, seeking his promise and offering our gratitude for our many blessings.

And in doing so, proclaim our community's support of the National Day of Prayer 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Marion Kansas this 25th Day of April, 2016

Mayor Todd Heitschmidt



*...If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV***

*Shout it loud, do not hold back, Raise your voice like a trumpet. **Isaiah 58:1a NIV***