

Proclamation

National Day of Prayer

May 4, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio, met in regular session in the office of said Board on the 25th day of April, 2023, with the following members present: Mr. Todd D. Wolfrum, Mr. Stan D. Owens, and Mr. Thad Lichtensteiger.

Mr. Owens moved the adoption of the following **PROCLAMATION**:

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

Whereas, in 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer; and

Whereas, prayer brings people together, builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties, and reminds us that we are created in God's image, and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go; and

Whereas, the 2023 theme for the National Day of Prayer is, "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much," based upon the words found in James 5:16; and

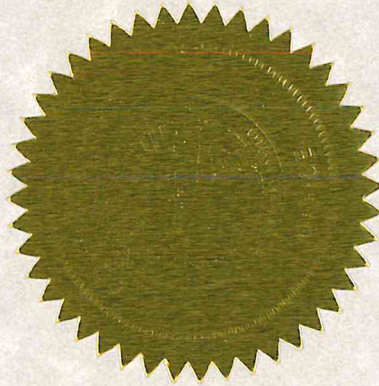
Whereas, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history; and
Whereas, prayer has helped pull people through struggles and fears of every kind and also serves as a wonderful way to express love, gratitude, and concern, whether in private or amongst family and friends. Throughout our nation's history, leaders have urged citizens of faith to pray for our land and those who defend our freedoms at home and abroad. For many, prayer is an important part of their daily lives, and on May 4, 2023, we join with people across our country in uniting in a National Day of Prayer; therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Board of Van Wert County Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 4, 2023, as the

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in Van Wert County and urges Van Wert County residents to remember our nation in prayer, asking for God's blessings, guidance, grace, and protection for our great nation as we address the challenges of our times.

Mr. Lichtensteiger seconded the motion. The roll was called upon its adoption, and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wolfrum, Yea; Mr. Owens, Yea; and Mr. Lichtensteiger, Yea.



Stan D. Owens

Chairman of the Board

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Thad Lichtensteiger