

# Proclamation

## National Day of Prayer

May 3, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio, met in regular session in the office of said Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, with the following members present: Mr. Stan D. Owens, Mr. Thad Lichtensteiger, and Mr. Todd D. Wolfrum.

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**, prayer brings unity, which is the 2018 theme for the National Day of Prayer, based upon Ephesians 4:3, which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace;" 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 3, 2018, 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 3, 2018, 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 blessing, 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. Owens, yea; Mr. Lichtensteiger, yea; and Mr. Wolfrum, yea.

Stan D. Owens

Chairman of the Board



Todd D. Wolfrum  
Thad Lichtensteiger