



Where Life is Sweet

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, Throughout history Americans have lifted up fervent prayers to God on behalf of our nation. From the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, including the authors of our Declaration of Independence, who wrote that they, “the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world...” and carried on to our present day in Presidential Proclamations such as last year’s invitation to “join him in asking for God’s continued guidance, mercy, and protection.”, and

WHEREAS, A National Day of Prayer has not only been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, but it is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directing the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, In our state and across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, with the theme, “Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much,” and

WHEREAS, Every first Thursday of May on the National Day of Prayer we not only express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer but unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings throughout our state, counties, and cities and across America with fervent praise, repentance, love, and humble intercession for our neighbors and nation, knowing that God hears and avails much as He answers the faith-filled prayers of His people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Primmer, Council President of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby proclaim May 4th, 2023 as Day of Prayer in our City and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

SIGNED this 24th day of April, 2023

Doug Primmer, Council President