

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, The 73rd observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the theme “Lift Up the World”, based on 2 Samuel 22:29-31 which says “For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God – his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him”; and

WHEREAS, A National Day of Prayer has been part of our national heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved as a Joint Resolution, “That the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation in churches, in groups and as individuals”; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress, in 1988 by Public Law 100-307, as amended, establishes, “An act to provide for setting aside the first Thursday in May as the date on which the National Day of Prayer is celebrated,”; and

WHEREAS, Leaders and citizens of our communities, cities, states and nation are afforded the privilege of prayer with the joy of seeking divine guidance, strength, protection and comfort from Almighty God; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the love of God, we, citizens of Madison, treasure the freedom to gather in prayer, exercising reliance on God’s power in the face of present challenges and threats, asking for His blessing on every individual of our city

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Paul Finley, Mayor of the City of Madison, Alabama do hereby proclaim the day of

May 2, 2024

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in the City of Madison, Alabama and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 22nd day of April, 2024.

Paul Finley, Mayor