

## PROCLAMATION FOR PRESIDENTS' FAITH AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, as it states in our own North Carolina State Constitution: We, the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for the preservation of the American Union and the existence of our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of those blessings to us and our posterity, do, for the more certain security thereof and for the better government of this State, ordained and established our Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, George Washington, America's First President and General of the Continental Army said, "The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregard the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."; and

**WHEREAS**, John Quincy Adams, America's Sixth President said, "[The] highest glory of the American Revolution was this: It connected in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity"; and

**WHEREAS**, Abraham Lincoln, America's Sixteenth President said, "We have grown in wealth, numbers and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God"; and

**WHEREAS**, Theodore Roosevelt, America's Twenty Sixth President said, "It is necessary for the welfare of the nation that men's lives be based upon the principles of the Bible."; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry Truman, America's Thirty Third President said, "The fundamental basis of this nation's ideals was given to Moses on Mount Sinai. The fundamental basis of the Bill of Rights of our Constitution comes from the teachings which we get from Exodus, St. Matthew, Isaiah, and St. Paul. The Sermon on the Mount gives us a way of life. The basis of all great moral codes is "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Treat others as you would like to be treated"; and

**WHEREAS**, Dwight Eisenhower, America's Thirty Fourth President said, "'Without God, there could be no American form of Government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first -- the most basic -- expression of Americanism. Thus the Founding Fathers saw it, and thus, with God's help, it will continue to be"; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Reagan, America's Fortieth President said, "Within the covers of the Bible are all the answers for all the problems men face."

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, John Edwards, Mayor of the Town of Pineville, do hereby proclaim February to be known as Presidents' Faith Awareness Month, calling on all citizens to discover the deep faith that many of our Presidents had, and to invite same to join together in thanksgiving and appreciation for the foresight and sacrifice of these brave men, and to Providence who guided these men and our country in its quest for our freedom and liberty.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the **Town of Pineville** to be affixed this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

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Jack Edwards, Mayor