

A PROCLAMATION for a DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS: Throughout the history of America, faith in Almighty God has been deeply rooted in the foundation and building up of this great nation. From the early pilgrims to the Continental Congress, to the many Presidents and Governors who have served, we have exalted the Lord; giving Him praise and overflowing with gratitude throughout the generations as He carries us through times of great crisis and celebration, and

WHEREAS: In our city 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,” based on the verses in James 5:16B “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”, and

WHEREAS: A National Day of Prayer has been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and later 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 directs 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: Leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual legacy of instituting times of thankfulness and renewed reliance on Almighty God; we ought to exercise the freedoms we have to gather and pray, to unify hearts, communities, and our country, while we hold dear to our faith, freedoms, and to one another as fellow Americans all fearfully and wonderfully created in the image of God. May we take time to pray for our nation and our neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Svien, Mayor of the city of Stephenville, Texas, do hereby proclaim, May 4th, 2023, as a

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throughout the city of Stephenville and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Stephenville to be affixed on this 4th day of May 2023.

Doug Svien, Mayor