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WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA

RESOLUTION NO. 12,841

PROCLAMATION

National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2019

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued throughout our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual National Day of Prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May.; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of the Lord when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before the Lord, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.; and

WHEREAS, all of us have the freedom to pray and exercise our faiths openly. Our laws protect these liberties, and rightly so. Today and every day, prayers will be offered in houses of worship, at community gatherings, in our homes, and in neighborhoods all across our country. Let us give thanks for the freedom to practice our faith as we see fit, whether individually or in fellowship.


WHEREAS, each of us can and must contribute to pray for the leaders and citizens of Woodbury County, our nation, and all the ends of the earth, humbling ourselves before our creator.

WHEREAS, citizens of Woodbury County have the opportunity to be a part of calling out to the Lord for blessings and forgiveness on this day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Radig, Chairman of Woodbury County Supervisors proclaim Thursday May 2, 2019, the National Day of Prayer in Woodbury County, and call upon the people of the County to join the citizens of our nation in giving thanks, in accordance with our own faiths and conscience, for our many freedoms and blessings, and in asking for God's continued guidance, mercy, and protection.

DATED this 30th day of April 2019.


Keith Radig, Chairperson


Jeremy Taylor, Member


Matthew Ung, Member


Marty Pottebaum, Member


Rocky De Witt, Member


Attest: Patrick F. Gill, Woodbury County Auditor