

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1775, the first day of prayer was declared when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to join in prayer as they moved forward in forming the greatest democracy the world has ever known; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, a bill, requiring the President to select a day for national prayer each year, which was later signed by President Truman, unanimously passed by both houses of congress proclaiming an annual National Day of Prayer (NDP); and

WHEREAS, In 1988, a bill was introduced to Congress which fixed the annual National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May and on May 5, 1988, the bill was signed into law by President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation. It enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call to us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people; and

WHEREAS, A prayerful spirit has always been an important part of our national character, and it is a force that has guided Americans of many faiths and traditions to share a common belief that God hears the prayers of His children and shows grace to those who seek Him; and

WHEREAS, Throughout history, Americans have turned to prayer and reflection during times of strength and times of difficulty, in moments of joy and moments of despair, when seeking comfort and giving thanks, asking for God's guidance and abiding grace; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed us and shed His grace on this great land, making it a treasure for generations to come. And as our nation comes together, we shall pray for unity of hearts and righteousness for this great state, this great nation and all of mankind; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County hereby recognizes May 3, 2012 as National Day of Prayer.

Approved this 01st day of May, 2012.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

JOEL QUINTANILLA
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Attest:

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk