

## *Proclamation recognizing the National Day of Prayer*

*Whereas* throughout the history of this nation, in times of plenty, in days of scarcity, in periods of joy and in moments of sorrow, many have turned to prayer, reaching out to a higher being for courage, for guidance, to give thanks and to seek solace; and

*Whereas* the first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1775 and President Abraham Lincoln called for a National Day of Prayer in 1863; and

*Whereas* the National Day of Prayer was established as an official annual day of observance in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The law was amended in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to establish the first Thursday of every May as the National Day of Prayer; and

*Whereas* at this important time in our nation's history, we pray for the brave members of our Armed Forces and their families, we pray for their safety, and for the peace we all seek; and

*Whereas* the 2022 National Day of Prayer provides an opportunity to pray for our health care workers, our first responders and the multitude of others helping the nation weather the pandemic storm; and

*Whereas* the National Day of Prayer also affords us the opportunity to recognize that the nation, its people and its leaders honor the commitment to religious liberty and tolerance that contributes to our continued strength.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court proclaims May 5 as the National Day of Prayer and encourages all of its residents of faith to pray for our community, and in commemoration of this event, urges all citizens to join together in their homes, places of work and places of worship to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind, and to continue to pray for our city, our state and our nation.

***Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.***

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk