

Supporting the National Day of Prayer & Preserving Religious Freedom

We affirm – as did the Declaration of Independence: that all are created equal, endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We believe that people are the ultimate resource – and that the people, not the government, are the best stewards of our country’s God-given natural resources.

Every time we sing, “God Bless America,” we are asking for help. We ask for divine help that our country can fulfill its promise.

In a free society, the primary role of government is to protect the God-given, inalienable rights of its citizens. These constitutional rights are not negotiable for any American.

We pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control.

We support the public display of the Ten Commandments as a reflection of our history and our country’s Judeo-Christian heritage and further affirm the rights of religious students to engage in voluntary prayer at public school events and to have equal access to school facilities.

We the People

We are the party of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The Declaration sets forth the fundamental precepts of American government: That God bestows certain inalienable rights on every individual, thus producing human equality; that government exists first and foremost to protect those inalienable rights; that man-made law must be consistent with God-given, natural rights; and that if God-given, natural, inalienable rights come in conflict with government, court, or human-granted rights, God-given, natural, inalienable rights always prevail; that there is a moral law recognized as “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God”; and that American government is to operate with the consent of the governed. We are also the party of the Constitution, the greatest political document ever written. It is the solemn compact built upon principles of the Declaration that enshrines our God-given individual rights and ensures that all Americans stand equal before the law, defines the purposes and limits of government, and is the blueprint for ordered liberty that makes the United States the world’s freest and most prosperous nation.



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Proclamation

Recognition of the Annual National Day of Prayer May 6, 2021

On this year's National Day of Prayer, let us come together, in Love, Life, and Liberty; all according to our own faiths, to thank God for our many blessings and ask for continued guidance and strength;

WHEREAS, public calls to prayer have a long and honored history in our nation. To wit: In 1775, the first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting; in 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for a National Day of Prayer;

WHEREAS, in 1952 Congress established a National Day of Prayer as an annual event by a joint resolution, which became federal law; in 1988, that law was amended designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May; and in 1998, the law was amended once more adding that the President of the United States is to issue a proclamation; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the state Supreme Court upheld the legal authority to declare Days of Prayer in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, our nation's founding fathers produced the Declaration of Independence and its enumeration of the self-evident truths that we all cherish today, asserting that all men and women are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

WHEREAS, the Colorado Constitution documents that this state was established, "with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe..." and Elbert County is a political subdivision thereof; and

WHEREAS, prayer, by which we affirm our dependence on the Supreme Ruler, has long been fundamental to our constitutionally supported pursuits of freedom, peace, unity, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, spiritual health is a critical component (in conjunction with physical, behavioral, and mental health) of overall individual and public health;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners that we: do hereby recognize May 6, 2021 as a National Day of Prayer. We encourage all Citizens to observe this day, reflecting on the blessings our Nation, State and County have received, and the importance of prayer in the lives of our fellow citizens.




Chris Richardson, Commissioner


Rick Pettitt, Commissioner


Grant Thayer, Commissioner