



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, a National Day of Prayer has been part of American heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress approved a Joint Resolution in 1952 setting aside a day each year for prayer;

Whereas, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1998, as amended, affirms 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;

Whereas, the 69th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020;

Whereas, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded;

Whereas, we extend our gratitude to those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation, and world;

Whereas, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise our constitutional freedom of religion by gathering in prayer, seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose, for the benefit of every individual; and,

Whereas, our nation and its people are in need of God's guiding hand at this time as we face the COVID-19 pandemic;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare May 7, 2020 as,

A Day of Prayer in Utah

Gary R. Herbert
Governor