



WHEREAS, the 68th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on May 2, 2019, with the theme "Pray for America: Love One Another"; and

WHEREAS, since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the observance of a day of prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed April 30, 1863, as a day of prayer as "an effective remedy for national ills for all people in all nations"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by legislative action in 1952, and amended in 1988, declared the first Thursday of May to be a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Americans have prayed for comfort in times of grief, for understanding in times of anger, and for protection in times of uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have historically called on the prayers of the people, without regard to their religious affiliation, to meet the crises that have faced our nation; and

WHEREAS, our country was founded on the fundamental right to religious freedom, ensuring the protections of people of all faiths, spiritual beliefs, and manners of worship;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 2nd, 2019 as a

Day of Prayer

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance in the manner that is most appropriate to their own religious or spiritual beliefs.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this seventeenth day of April Two Thousand Nineteen

A blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills.