

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

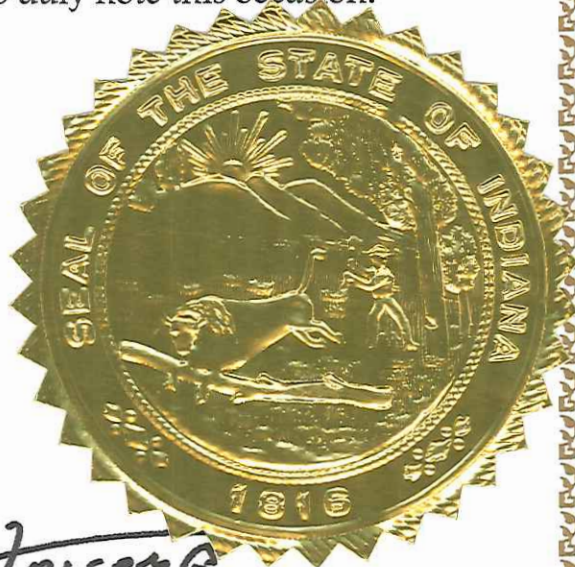
- WHEREAS,** the 69th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7th, 2020, with the theme "PRAY GOD'S GLORY Across the Earth" based on Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"; and
- WHEREAS,** a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, 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; and
- WHEREAS,** the First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees and protects the freedom to exercise and practice religious beliefs, including prayer; the leaders and people of our nation are afforded the freedom and have relied on prayer during times of thanksgiving, times of sorrow, and times of uncertainty throughout our history; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and
- WHEREAS,** we specifically thank God for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 7th, 2020 as

DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 3rd
day of February the year of our
Lord 2020 and of the Independence
of the United States 244.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb