

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, Throughout our history, Americans have turned to prayer for strength, inspiration, and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, Prayer has played an important role in the American story and in shaping our Nation's leaders; and

WHEREAS, It is thus fitting that, from the earliest years of our country's history, Congress and Presidents have set aside days to recognize the role prayer has played in so many definitive moments in our history. On this National Day of Prayer, let us follow the example of forefathers as we are thankful for the liberty that allows people of all faiths to worship or not worship according to the dictates of their conscience, and let us be thankful for the many other freedoms and blessings that we often take for granted; and

WHEREAS, Let us pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces and the many selfless sacrifices they and their families make on behalf of our Nation. Let us pray for the police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who put themselves in harm's way every day to protect their fellow citizens. And let us ask God for the sustenance and guidance for all of us to meet the great challenges we face as a Nation, State and Community; and

WHEREAS, The Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, has called on the President to issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a "National Day of Prayer.";

NOW THEREFORE I, Robert Andrew, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 5th, 2011 as:

"NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"

In Long Beach, and I invite all citizens of our City, as their own faith or conscience directs them, to join me in giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, and I ask all people of faith to join me in asking God for guidance, mercy, and protection for our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Long Beach, Washington to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2011.

Mayor, Long Beach, Washington