

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is a time set aside by Congress for Americans to pray and reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which this nation was founded. The tradition of National Days of Prayer goes back to our very first Congress and our first President. Just two days after members of Congress passed the First Amendment, they asked President George Washington to declare a National Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer. In response to this request from Congress, President Washington, less than a week after passage of the First Amendment, issued just such a proclamation on October 3, 1789. President George Washington said, "The smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained." President Washington also said, "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible"; and

WHEREAS, to those who think the National Day of Prayer is not necessary or appropriate for our modern day or even try to have it ruled constitutionally illegal for our government to support, it may be beneficial to remember the words of some of our forefathers. John Adams, Second President of the United States, said, "It must be felt that there is no national security but in the nation's humble acknowledged dependence upon God and His overruling providence." Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." President Andrew Jackson said, "The Bible is a rock upon which our republic rests." One of former President Ronald Reagan's most famous quotes is "If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under." He also said, "Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." And in our modern day time with a relentless and ever increasing emphasis on secularism by those who choose to forget about the principles on which our "One Nation Under God" was founded, President Clinton said, "Part of our essential humanity is paying respect to what God gave us and what will be here a long time after we're gone." President Bush said, "I believe that God has planted in every heart the desire to live in freedom." And finally, Billy Graham's wise counsel tells us that "Unless we can turn to God and have His help, we are done for as a nation and a people."

WHEREAS, recently a federal judge declared the National Day of Prayer unconstitutional, but as for the City of Ormond Beach, we will follow our founding fathers, along with millions of people throughout the world who consider prayer the most important utterance of mankind, as prayer comforts us in times of sorrow and gives us strength and hope for the future; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should give thanks for the freedom and prosperity which our nation, state, and city enjoy and pray for the continued guidance and comfort which God has graciously bestowed upon this nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, as found in Chronicles 7:14: "*Then if my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land*"; and

WHEREAS, we continue to give thanks for the men and women of the military that are defending freedom and humbly bow in prayer to ask for their protection and pray for peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "*Prayer for Such a Time as This*," based on Nahum 1:7, which states, "*The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him*," marks the 59th Annual Observance of the National Day of Prayer and the first time we are honored to join together in Rockefeller Gardens; and

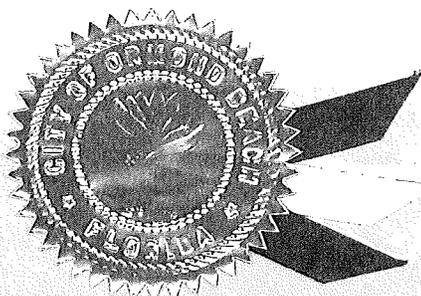
WHEREAS, across our land on May 6, Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation, state, and cities to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received, to recognize our need for personal and corporate renewal of moral values, to pray for our leaders and the unity of our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2010, as a

DAY OF PRAYER

in the City of Ormond Beach and ask all Ormond Beach residents and encourage members of all faith communities represented in Ormond Beach, Volusia County, our neighbors in Flagler County, the State of Florida, and the United States of America, "*One Nation Under God*," to reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which our nation was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.



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Mayor