

1           A RESOLUTION observing and recognizing the importance of the National Day of  
2 Prayer.

3           WHEREAS, throughout our history as a nation, Americans have turned to prayer  
4 for guidance, peace, and hope; and

5           WHEREAS, Kentuckians pray to express their beliefs, seek help and strength, and  
6 give thanks for blessings; and

7           WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been a part of our heritage since it was  
8 declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, and it was further established by joint  
9 resolution of the United States Congress in 1952; and

10          WHEREAS, our leaders have consistently called upon their countrymen to seek  
11 divine insight, acknowledging God's role in guiding our nation towards a hopeful future;  
12 and

13          WHEREAS, General George Washington declared a day for fasting and prayer  
14 during the uncertain times of our fight for independence. President Abraham Lincoln  
15 called for prayer to heal the nation in the aftermath of the Civil War. President Ronald  
16 Reagan recognized our enduring reliance on prayer through various trials, including wars  
17 and national crises; and

18          WHEREAS, in contemporary times, this tradition of prayer persists as we face the  
19 hurdles of our own day; and

20          WHEREAS, we find solace in prayer as we ask for spiritual renewal and strength to  
21 endure the trials before us; and

22          WHEREAS, prayer is the constant connection to God, who will guide us through  
23 the challenges our nation faces; and

24          WHEREAS, we are reminded to seek divine wisdom and healing in times of need,  
25 just as our predecessors did in their times of need; and

26          WHEREAS, we depend on God's boundless love, mercy, and wisdom whether in  
27 times of abundance or adversity, peace or conflict; and

1           WHEREAS, in 1988, the United States Congress called upon the president to issue  
2 each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as the National Day of  
3 Prayer, "on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and  
4 meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals"; and

5           WHEREAS, the 2025 National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 1, 2025; and

6           WHEREAS, all Americans are encouraged to observe this day, reflecting on the  
7 blessings our nation has received and the importance of prayer;

8           NOW, THEREFORE,

9           *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
10 *Kentucky:*

11           ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby observe and recognize the National Day of  
12 Prayer and encourages the citizens of this great Commonwealth to join in reverent  
13 solidarity on May 1, 2025.

14           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in observance and  
15 recognition and observance of the National Day of Prayer.

16           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this  
17 Resolution to Senator Stephen West.