

# Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, The 65<sup>th</sup> observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with the theme "Wake Up America," based on Isaiah 58:1a, "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet"; and
- WHEREAS, A National Day of Prayer was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, and in 1952 the United States Congress approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and
- WHEREAS, The United States Congress, by Public Lay 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, Leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; 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 out state, nation, and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as

## DAY OF PRAYER

in Kentucky, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen and in the 224<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

  
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