

Proclamation

National Day of Prayer 2023

Office of the Mayor

Whereas: Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and,

Whereas: The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and,

Whereas: The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer; and,

Whereas: In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,

Whereas: The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Oakboro when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the needs for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and Nation; and,

Whereas: This year marks the 72nd Annual National Day of Prayer with the theme, "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much" James 5:16b. James 5:16b states, "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Therefore: I, Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor of Oakboro, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2023 to be designated as "A DAY OF PRAYER IN OAKBORO" and encourage the citizens of Oakboro to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance. Proclaimed this 4th day of May, 2023.



Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor



Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk