

State of Maine



WHEREAS, since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the observance of a day of prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed April 30, 1863, as a day of prayer as "an effective remedy for national ills for all people in all nations"; and

WHEREAS, recognized on the first Thursday of May, the National Day of Prayer is an annual observance as designated by the United States Congress by legislative action in 1952, and amended in 1988, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation"; and

WHEREAS, Americans have prayed for comfort in times of grief, for understanding in times of anger, and for protection in times of uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have historically called on the prayers of the people, without regard to their religious affiliation, to meet the crises that have faced our nation; and

WHEREAS, our country was founded on the fundamental right to religious freedom, ensuring the protections of people of all faiths, spiritual beliefs, and manners of worship;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 5th, 2022 as a

National Day of Prayer

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance in the manner that is most appropriate to their own religious or spiritual beliefs.



Shenna Bellows
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Secretary of State

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this twentieth day
of April Two Thousand Twenty-Two

Janet T. Mills
Governor