



A PROCLAMATION
BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA
"National Day of Prayer"

WHEREAS: Throughout the history of America, the National Day of Prayer has enabled us to give God praise, as He has carried us through times of great crisis and celebration, and to also encourage our leaders to come humbly before God, to seek His guidance and His grace as they lead the nation and our local communities; and

WHEREAS: In Georgia and across America, the National Day of Prayer is observed on the first Thursday of May, and this year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much," which is based on a line of scripture in James 5:16, which states, "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"; and

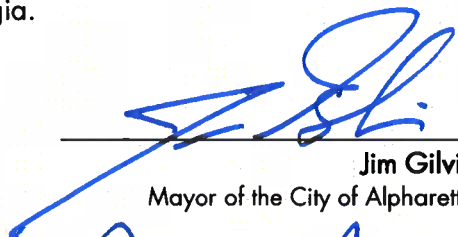
WHEREAS: The National Day of Prayer invites people of all faiths to pray for our nation; this day was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and has been reaffirmed by Congress and many presidents since then, which shows that prayer is essential for the well-being of our nation and its people; and

WHEREAS: Every first Thursday of May, on the National Day of Prayer, we not only express our faith and exercise our freedom in this important practice, but also unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings throughout our state and across America with love for our neighbor and nation, holding fast to the promises throughout scripture that the Lord hears and avails much as He answers the faith-filled prayers of His people; and

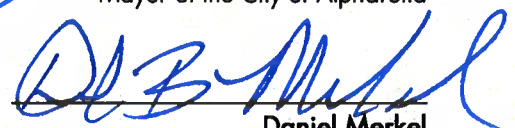
NOW, THEREFORE: We, the Mayor and City Council, of the City of Alpharetta do hereby proclaim May 4, 2023, as National Day of Prayer in the City of Alpharetta, Georgia.

SO PROCLAIMED: This fourth day of May two-thousand and twenty-three, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia.

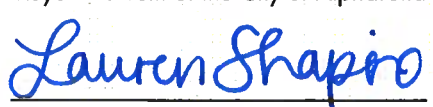




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