

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023

**"Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much."**

*'The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much'- based on James 5:16b*

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Assembly Bill 1405 permanently designated the first Thursday in May each year as "A Day of Prayer in New Jersey"; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Civic prayers and National days of prayers have a long and venerable history in our Constitutional Republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

**WHEREAS**, the framers of our Constitution recognized God as our Founding Father; and whereby "inalienable rights" were endowed upon us by the Creator not created by any government of man as stated by our First President, George Washington, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

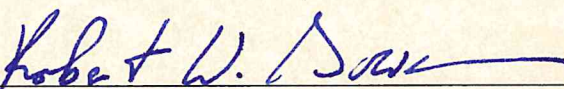
**WHEREAS**, to this day, we continue to pledge our allegiance as one Nation under God; to pay our debts with coin and dollar which attests, "In God We Trust"; to sing "God Bless America" and "God Shed His Grace on Thee" and our National Anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner, in the fourth stanza reads, and this be our motto "In God is our Trust"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayers and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for the people of our nation to respect one another and be bound together beyond racial or religious barriers, asking for God's unity to restore the people; and

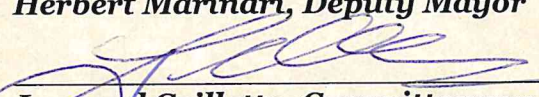
**WHEREAS**, we need to be mindful that the phrase, "Separation of Church and State," is not written in our Constitution, nor in our Bill of Rights, but rather the First Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The intent was to prohibit Congress from establishing a National religion, such as the National Church of England, while assuring the freedom of religious people to be in our Government;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby designates May 4, 2023 as "A Day of Prayer in Plumsted Township" and urges the citizens of Plumsted Township to observe this day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

  
Robert Bowen, Mayor

  
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