



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, THE 66<sup>TH</sup> OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, WITH THE THEME “WAKE UP AMERICA” BASED ON ISAIAH 58:1a WHICH SAYS, “SHOUT IT ALOUD, DO NOT HOLD BACK. RAISE YOUR VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET”; AND

**WHEREAS**, A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HAS BEEN PART OF OUR HERITAGE SINCE IT 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 LAW 100-307, IN 1988, AS AMENDED, AFFIRMED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US AS A NATION TO PRAY, AND DIRECTED THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROCLAIM THE FIRST THURSDAY OF MAY EACH YEAR 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 THANK GOD FOR THOSE WHO DEFEND OUR FREEDOMS AND PRAY FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, AS

## “NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND I COMMEND THIS OBSERVANCE TO ALL OF OUR CITIZENS.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

ATTEST:

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

