



City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG

MAYOR

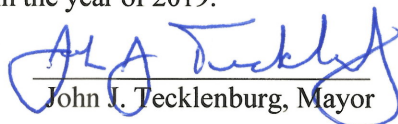
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** prayer has played a strong role in our nation's history and heritage, as many Americans have depended on it for healing, hope and guidance; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Day of Prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775 when they asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Harry S. Truman, declared an annual Day of Prayer for the nation, and in 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Ronald Reagan designating the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer; and
- WHEREAS,** the observance of the National Day of Prayer has proved to be a powerful tool that has united citizens from diverse religious backgrounds in an effort to inspire them to face life's challenges with a renewed sense of hope; and
- WHEREAS,** in the aftermath of recent violent attacks on houses of worship, including the Easter Sunday attacks on Christian churches in Sri Lanka and the shooting at the Chabad of Poway synagogue outside San Diego on the final day of Passover, the National Day of Prayer transcends individual differences and provides an opportunity for citizens to come together; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2019 National Day of Prayer theme is "Love One Another."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby call upon the citizens and institutions of our community to participate in the National Day of Prayer by tolling their bells at 12 noon local time on May 2, 2019, and hereby proclaim this date as:

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER in the City of Charleston

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the seal of Charleston to be affixed, this 29th day of April in the year of 2019.


John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

