

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the "National Day of Prayer" is a tradition first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May each year as a national day of prayer was passed unanimously by both houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Congress has declared Thursday, May 2, 2013, as the 62nd consecutive observance of the "National Day of Prayer"; and

WHEREAS, the history of our nation is indelibly marked with the role that prayer has played in the lives of individual Americans and indeed, the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the "National Day of Prayer" is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy D. Leavitt, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2013, as:

"National Day of Prayer"

and encourage all citizens to join in prayer, asking that God guide and strengthen our people and our leaders so that we may meet the challenges that lie before us with courage, wisdom and justice.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy D. Leavitt", is written over a horizontal line.

TIMOTHY D. LEAVITT, MAYOR