



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 4, 2023, our nation observed its Annual National Day of Prayer, with the theme ‘PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH’.

JAMES 5:16B "THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH.

WHEREAS, in our nation we enjoy many blessings through God’s grace, such as, the freedom to gather, the freedom to worship, and the freedom to pray, and

WHEREAS, we see erosion of our nation’s moral fiber resulting in the breakdown of marriages, families, an increase in illegal drug use, crime, acts of terrorism, and a lack of respect and caring for others. As a nation and community, we must call on God in prayer to reverse this downward spiral if we are to remain strong and be a moral example to others, and

WHEREAS, if God’s people who are called by His name humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways, then will He hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and heal their land, and

WHEREAS, as a nation and community, we need to depend on God’s word and give thanks for His graciousness and mercy to us, while asking for forgiveness for our sinfulness and restoration of our moral perspective, remembering that blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Hedgpeth, Meeting Chair for the City of Hanahan, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2023, as the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** in the City of Hanahan.

Duly done this the 9th day of May 2023

Christie Rainwater, Mayor

Emily Huff, Clerk of Council