

County of Santa Rosa

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, America was founded on the principles of religious faith and freedom, and throughout the history of our State and Nation, we have humbly prayed for guidance and comfort where needed, and have given thanks for the many blessings graciously bestowed by God on this nation since its inception; and

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer is an annual event, established by an act of Congress, which encourages Americans to pray for our Nation, its people, and its leaders. The National Day of Prayer Task Force concentrates on the need to pray for those in leadership on all levels of national, church, and educational areas of influence; and

Whereas, days of prayer have been called for since 1775, when the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for such a day. Officially, the National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event by an act of Congress in 1952, and was signed into law by President Harry Truman. The law was amended in 1988, and signed by President Ronald Reagan, establishing the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday of May each year; and

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer, as mandated by our government, belongs to all Americans. It is not sponsored or owned by any one group. Every American can observe the Day of Prayer in his or her own way. The President issues a proclamation each year in support of this significant day.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners that Thursday, May 7, 2009, be observed as the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** in Santa Rosa County and encourages all its citizens to participate.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 absent, this the 23rd day of April, 2009.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY**

By: Don Salter
Don Salter, Chairman