

May 4, 2017 - Big Canoe National Day of Prayer

on this twentieth day of April 2017

*By the Mayor of Jasper, Georgia and the Pickens County Commission
City of Jasper, Georgia of these great United States of America bring forth*

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Prayer is the mainspring of the American spirit, a fundamental tenet of our people since before the Republic was founded. A year before the Declaration of Independence, in 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Prayer as the initial positive action they asked of every colonist.

Two hundred and thirty-four years ago in 1783, the Treaty of Paris officially ended the long, weary Revolutionary War during which a National Day of Prayer had been proclaimed every spring for eight years. When peace came the National Day of Prayer was forgotten. For almost half a century, as the Nation grew in power and wealth, we put aside this deepest expression of American belief -- our national dependence on the Providence of God.

It took the tragedy of the Civil War to restore a National Day of Prayer. As Abraham Lincoln said, "Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

Revived as an annual observance by Congress in 1952, the National Day of Prayer has become a great unifying force for our citizens who come from all the great religions of the world. Prayer unites people. This common expression of reverence heals and brings us together as a Nation and we pray it may one day bring renewed respect for God to all the peoples of the world.

From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history. This occasion provides our Nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future.

Now, Therefore, we, the Mayor of Jasper, Georgia and the Pickens County Government seat and Commissioners for Pickens County in the great state of the beautiful Cherokee Rose, whose motto is "Wisdom - Justice - Moderation" while our melody is "Georgia on my Mind" as the thirteenth State in the Colonies of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2017, National Day of Prayer and affirm the gathering in Big Canoe, the same. And, therefore, we call upon every citizen of this great county and beyond to gather together on that day in homes and places of worship to pray, each after his or her own manner, for unity of the hearts of all mankind.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 20th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first. - Amen


John Weaver - City of Jasper Mayor


Rob Jones - Pickens County Commission Chairman

*Part of this proclamation was drafted from the profound writing of our late
United States President the Honorable Ronald Reagan*