



WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer dates back to February 19, 1795 when President George Washington issued a Proclamation setting aside a day of public thanksgiving; and an annual day of prayer was established by Congress in 1952 and specifically designated in 1988 as the first Thursday in May; and,

WHEREAS, May 3, 2018 has been officially designated as America's 67th Annual National Day of Prayer, to pray for our nation, its people, and its leaders; and,

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation and enables us to recall the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions; and,

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer has become a national annual observance which belongs to all Americans as a day that transcends different cultures and brings together all citizens from all backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2018 National Day of Prayer is **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Thursday, May 3, 2018 as

A Day of Prayer

in Gaston County and urges all citizens to observe this day by joining members of all faiths and creeds all over our community and nation in seeking divine guidance for ourselves, our leaders, and our country.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 24th Day of April 2018