

## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, prayer is a vital part of our nation's rich heritage resulting from our founding forefathers who turned to God in prayer as they sacrificially fought for many freedoms that are now freely enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, President Harry Truman formally recognized the importance of prayer and signed into law, PL 324, designating the observance of an annual National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress formally continued this tradition and passed Joint Resolution 382 on April 17, 1952, establishing an annual national day of prayer to join all citizens together as a nation acknowledging God in prayer each year; and

**WHEREAS**, President Ronald Reagan permanently established the first Thursday of May to be the National Day of Prayer when he signed PL 100-307; and

**WHEREAS**, we are especially mindful of the many heroic men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially those serving abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, we join with fellow citizens of all religious faiths and beliefs from throughout our nation under this year's theme of "Pray for America."

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, in keeping with a longstanding and time honored tradition, hereby proclaim Thursday, May 2, 2013, to be:

### **"NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"**

and calls on all citizens of Pima County to join with fellow citizens of all religious faiths and beliefs in prayer for God's richest blessings on our Nation, State, County and City.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of April, 2013.

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Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board