

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a national day of prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in

1775, and the current United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, has called on our Nation to reaffirm the role of prayer and to respect the freedom of religion by recognizing each year a "National Day of

Prayer"; and

WHEREAS, in 1789, George Washington proclaimed "It is the duty of all nations to

acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor," and prayer

remains an important part of our national culture; and

WHEREAS, we pray for the safety of our troops as they carry out dangerous missions with

courage and compassion, and we come together to seek God's continued

guidance, protection and blessing for our great land; and

WHEREAS, we pray for the protection of innocent lives and for the expansion of peace

and liberty throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, through prayer, our faith is strengthened, our hearts are humbled, and our

lives are transformed. May our hearts have the humility to trust in the

goodness of God's plans.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joyce Downing, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 3rd, 2012 as a

CITY-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER

and encourage every citizen of this community to give thanks, each according to his or her own faith for the freedoms and blessings we have received and for continued guidance and protection. I urge all citizens to join in observing this day.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 23rd day of April 2012.

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JOYCE DOWNING Mayor