BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

WHEREAS, civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer, and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress themselves begin each day with prayer, and,

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Burke County when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme is: "Glorify God Among the Nations — Seeking Him in All Generations."

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the County Commissioners for Burke County, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 7, 2026, to be designated as "A Day of Prayer in Burke County" and encourage the citizens of Burke County to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Approved this 20th day of April 2026.

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners