State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

the 70th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on WHEREAS,

Thursday, May 6, 2021, with the theme "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty" based on 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was

> declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 in a joint resolution setting aside a day each

year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as

> amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of

prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon

which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow

> citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole;

and

WHEREAS, we, like President Truman on the first National Day of Prayer,

> "beseech God to grant us wisdom to know the course which we should follow, and strength and patience to pursue that course

steadfastly" throughout our state, nation, and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 6, 2021 as

DAY OF PRAYER

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Termont on this 4th day of May, A.D. 2021.

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Governor

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs