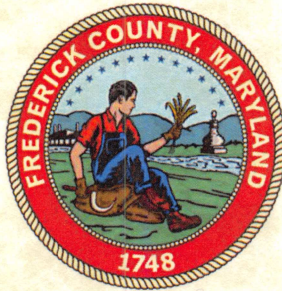


# Proclamation



**Whereas,** *prayer is a wellness and healing practice for many, from the earliest days of our republic. People have relied on prayer and their faith in a higher power, whomever or whatever that may be, in times of crisis and in times of bounty; and*

**Whereas,** *the first National Day of Prayer was proclaimed in 1775 by the Second Continental Congress. Thousands gathered in prayer in places of worship and encampments throughout the land, and dispersed colonists found a spirit of unity and resolve in this transformative expression of faith. People of various religious persuasion prayed as one, asking for divine guidance in their quest for liberty and justice; and*

**Whereas,** *today Frederick County gathers as one to commemorate this meaningful cultural tradition, along with our youth prayer leaders.*

**Now, Therefore,** *as the County Executive of Frederick County, Maryland, I hereby proclaim May 4, 2023, as*

*National Day of Prayer*

*in Frederick County, and do commend this observance to all of our residents.*

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Jessica Fitzwater

*Presented this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.*