

Office of the MAYOR

CITY OF GROTON
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Proclamation

National Day of Prayer

WHEREAS, throughout the history of America we have poured out prayers to the God of hope; in times of crisis and celebration, in prosperity and need, in times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, from the first prayer of our Continental Congress in 1774, to the opening of every session of the House of Representatives and Senate, and throughout hearts and homes across America, the practice of prayer continues to seek God for guidance, wisdom, power, protection, and provision that has preserved hope and united us as one nation under God; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming 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, the National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables participants to seek wisdom and guidance through prayer to face our nations critical issues; and

WHEREAS, it is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, prayer offers communities an opportunity to come together in strength and in hope, to face life's sorrows and celebrate life's joys;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Hedrick, Mayor of the City of Groton, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City, do hereby declare Thursday, May 1, 2025 as **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** in the City of Groton and ask that we may come together and, in accordance with our own faith, give thanks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Groton, this first day of May, 2025.



Keith Hedrick, Mayor, City of Groton

