## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer was signed into law by President Truman in 1952, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray on and celebrate this day; and

WHEREAS, the national holiday was established and has since always been the first Thursday of May every year since it was founded; and

WHEREAS, we unite with purpose and resolve, and recommit ourselves to the core freedoms that helped define and guide our Nation from its earliest days; and

WHEREAS, this holiday was originally created to celebrate the Christian faith and to unite American citizens together to turn to God in prayer and meditation; and

WHEREAS, it is now celebrated by all cultures, beliefs, and religions, and is widely celebrated by more than just those in the Christian community, and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate our incredible good fortune that, as Americans, we can exercise our convictions freely — no matter our faith or beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's National Day of Prayer coincides with the Blessing of the City of Crestview, and as such serves a dual capacity to come together as a community in prayer.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, JB Whitten, Mayor of the City of Crestview, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2022, as a National Day of Prayer and the Blessing of the City. I invite the citizens of our community and our nation to give thanks, in accordance with their own faiths and consciences, for our many freedoms and blessings. I join all people of faith in prayers for spiritual guidance, mercy, and protection.

Duly passed and adopted on this this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

Mayor JB Whitten
City of Crestview