

*P*roclamation

2016 National Day of Prayer

WHEREAS, the 65th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016, with the theme "Wake Up America"; 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 approved 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 specifically thank God for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Clayton Town Council does hereby proclaim, May 5, 2016, be recognized as the National Day of Prayer.

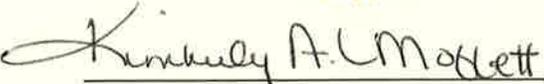
Duly adopted this 2nd day of May, 2016 while in regular session



ATTEST:



Jody L. McLeod
Mayor



Kimberly A. Moffett, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk