Proclamation

WHEREAS, Throughout history America has faced trials and triumphs, and Americans have responded in prayer seeking courage and comfort, inspiration, and joy-filled celebration. Faith compels us to seek and cling to the light in times of darkness and spread light to those in need; and

WHEREAS, From the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, including the authors of our Declaration of Independence, wrote that they, "the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world..." and carried on to present day in Presidential Proclamations such as last year's invitation to "join him in asking for God's continued guidance, mercy, and protection"; and

WHEREAS, A National Day of Prayer has not only been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, but it 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 The National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, In every state across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the theme, "Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World"; and

WHEREAS, We express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer, then unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings across America with fervent praise, repentance, and love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2024, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 1st day of May 2024.

TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Joanne Simone