

Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout America's history, citizens have united during times of challenge to join together in prayer. Prayers have been lifted to express gratitude, request guidance and direction, and make petitions known; and

WHEREAS, a modern law formalizing the annual observance of a National Day of Prayer was enacted by Congress in 1952, and was amended in 1988, to designate the first Thursday of May as the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Americans are called to a day of prayer on the first Thursday of May annually; and

WHEREAS, Thursday May 5, 2016, is designated as the annual United States National Day of Prayer and its theme and scripture are "**Wake Up America**" and "**Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.**"; and

WHEREAS, residents shall gather together in Margate and throughout the United States to unite in prayer, for our nation, our leaders, and our people. Residents shall also recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, for their commitment to uphold the nation's ideals, and recognize that it is because of them that Americans can continue to live in a nation where people of all faiths can worship or not worship according to the dictates of their conscience; and

WHEREAS, Margate Initiative for Community Action & Hope (MICAH), an alliance of Christian Houses of Worship and Non-profit Organizations in the City of Margate, is dedicated to serve and enrich our community through meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of families of all backgrounds. MICAH calls on Margate's residents of all faiths to come together for a time of prayer, peace, and goodwill. As residents join together, let them focus on the less fortunate, commit to feeding the hungry, comfort the hurting, lifting up the downtrodden of the community, and remembering that through unity and respect for each other, Margate will become a strong and thriving city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2016, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in the City of Margate, and in that spirit of unity and reflection, encourage everyone to join together in our city to pray for our Nation, State, and City, and join MICAH at Margate's third annual National Day of Prayer gathering on May 5, 2016, at Margate Elementary at 6:30 pm.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be
affixed this 4th of May 2016.



TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico