

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, our Commonwealth, founded on the ideals of freedom, liberty, and cultural diversity, is home to millions of Pennsylvanians who appeal to a higher being for guidance, wisdom, and assistance; and

WHEREAS, through prayer and daily meditation, individuals take time to reflect on the value of life and the magnificence of our world while asking for peace, security, direction, and protection for our families, government leaders, civil servants, and military; and

WHEREAS, by asking for divine assistance, we seek to eradicate violence, poverty, and human suffering and support a nation that promotes freedom, justice, compassion, and the right to religious expression; and

WHEREAS, this tradition reminds us of our ancestors' adversity in obtaining this right, of the progressive individuals who sought to ensure these rights for every human, regardless of age, race, gender, or faith, and that our nation must defend the fundamental right to pray, to live in an environment of peace and safety, and to seek personal prosperity; and

WHEREAS, prayer is an integral part of humanity, and we shall never overlook, forget, nor neglect the individual or group right to express religious freedom through prayer, meditation, and personal reflection.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2026, to be

### DAY OF PRAYER

I encourage all Pennsylvanians to commemorate this day distinctively for themselves, whether through vocal or silent prayer, meditation, solitary thought, or giving thanks.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-first day of April two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro