



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 65th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016, with the theme “*Wake Up America*” based on Isaiah 58:1; and

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer has been part of our national heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 1952, approved a Joint Resolution, “That the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals”; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, in 1988 by Public Law 100-307, as amended, establishes, “An act to provide for setting aside the first Thursday in May as the date on which the National Day of Prayer is celebrated”; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our communities, towns, cities, states and nation are afforded the privilege of prayer with the joy of seeking divine guidance, strength, protection and comfort from Almighty God; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love of God, we, citizens of Culpeper treasure the freedom to gather in prayer, exercising reliance on God’s power in the face of present challenges and threats, asking for His blessing on every individual of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael T. Olinger, Mayor of the Town of Culpeper, Virginia, and on behalf of the Culpeper Town Council hereby proclaim **May 5, 2016** as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the Town of Culpeper and invite all citizens to participate in observance of this event.

GIVEN under my hand this 4th day of May 2016.

Michael T. Olinger, Mayor
On Behalf of the Town Council
of Culpeper, Virginia

Attest:

Kimberly D. Allen, Town Clerk