

PROCLAMATION

BY MAYOR JOEL GREER

WHEREAS, The 74th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A National Day of Prayer has been part of our national heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved as 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, 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 Marshalltown, Iowa, 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 city; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Joel Greer of the City Marshalltown, Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2025 as

National Day of Prayer and Fasting

We are believing for God's presence to be poured out among us – our city government, our businesses, our schools, our families, and homes as never before. We are asking for a day, set apart to seek God, **CHOOSE and COMMIT** to Him as we approach the changes ahead. We pray for Marshalltown to be used – set a part as a shining beacon of **HOPE** and **LIFE** for the nations that are gathered here and experience God's blessings as we choose and commit to His heart for us.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed on this 30th day of April 2025.

Joel Greer, Mayor
City of Marshalltown

A blue ink signature of the name "Joel Greer" is written over a horizontal line.