



## ***Proclamation***

Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida

***WHEREAS***, America was founded on the principles of religious faith and freedom; and

***WHEREAS***, throughout the history of our state and county, we have humbly prayed for guidance and comfort where needed, and have given thanks for our many blessings that God has graciously bestowed upon us; and

***WHEREAS***, prayer is regarded by millions as the most important utterance for mankind for its benefit; and

***WHEREAS***, the National Day of Prayer is a day set aside by congress for all Americans to pray and reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which this great Nation was founded; and

***WHEREAS***, this year marks the 63rd anniversary of the consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer, with the theme "One Voice, United in Prayer" based on Romans 15:6, "So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."; and

***WHEREAS***, across our state and nation on May 1st Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation, our state, and our local communities to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received from Him, to recognize our need for personal and corporate renewal and moral values, and to invoke God's blessings upon our leaders and ask God to heal and unite our county.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 1, 2014, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### ***NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER***

in Manatee County, Florida, and to invite all residents to pray with diligence, humility, and obedience and seek the face of Almighty God to direct our paths in the days and years ahead.

***ADOPTED*** with a quorum present and voting this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

***R. B. "Chips" Shore***  
**Clerk of Circuit Court**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk