



## A Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioner's Court in Recognition of the National Day of Prayer on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the right to religious freedom first developed in Colonial America during an era of unprecedented tolerance and good will among a diverse group of pilgrims and settlers; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of this newfound tolerance, colonial town halls and legislatures routinely initiated proceedings with a humble invocation of prayer by any member belonging to any religious society; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the establishment of a state religion while simultaneously guaranteeing the right to the free exercise of religion by any member of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, since the founding of the American Republic, public officials and private citizens alike have enjoyed the right to proclaim their sacredly-held beliefs in the public square by encouraging prayer for thanksgiving and guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, the right of individuals to proclaim their religious beliefs constituted one of the fundamental rallying cries of the Texas Revolution of 1835-1836; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding in 1849, Ellis County, Texas has been blessed with an abundance of courageous men and women who pursue faith and uphold the power of prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, by relying upon divine Providence to guide the course of our county government, Ellis County will serve as a beacon of hope and righteousness for the State of Texas and our nation; and

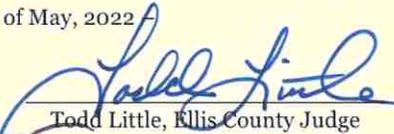
**WHEREAS**, in 1952, Congress passed Public Law 82-324 to establish a National Day of Prayer in recognition of the importance of faith in setting the course of our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, the National Day of Prayer Committee promotes observance of the National Day of Prayer by local and state governments across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, during the National Day of Prayer, local governments recognize the importance of prayer by citizens and public officials to humbly ask God for guidance;

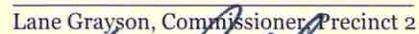
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Commissioners' Court of Ellis County, recognize May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as the National Day of Prayer in Ellis County, Texas.

In witness thereof, signed the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022

  
Todd Little, Ellis County Judge

  
Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
Paul Perry, Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk