PROCLAMATION

"National Day of Prayer"

WHEREAS, throughout history of this nation, in times of plenty, in days of scarcity, in periods of joy and in moments of sorrow, many have turned to prayer, reaching out to a higher being for courage, for guidance, to give thanks and to seek solace; and

WHEREAS, the first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1775 and President Abraham Lincoln called for a National Day of Prayer in 1863; and

WHEAREAS, the National Day of Prayer was established as an official annual day of observance in 1952 by joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The law was amended in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to establish the first Thursday of every May as the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, at this important time in our nation's history, we pray for the brave members of our Armed Forces and their families, we pray for their safety, for the recovery of the wounded and for the peace we all seek; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 National Day of Prayer provides an opportunity to pray for our nation, its people and its leaders while honoring the commitment to religious liberty and tolerance that contributes to our continued strength; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the National Day of Prayer 2016 is **"Wake Up America",** emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name. To further highlight our theme, we've chosen Isaiah 58:1a as our Scripture for this year: "*Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.*"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. R. Evans, Jr., Mayor of the City of Overton, Texas do hereby proclaim **Thursday, May 5, 2016** as

NATIONAL DAY PRAYER

In the City of Overton and in commemoration of this event, urge all citizens to join together in their homes, places of work and places of worship to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind, and to continue to pray for our City, our State and our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Overton to be affixed this the **21st** day **April, 2016.**

CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS

C. R. Evans, Jr.

C. R. Evans, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Gafford

Rachél Gafford, City Secretary