

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 20

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Halligan, Johnson (Mike),
Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
Easley, Eason McIntyre,
Ellis, Ford, Gumm, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance),
Jolley, Justice, Lamb,
Laster, Leftwich, Marlatt,
Mazzei, Newberry, Nichols,
Paddack, Reynolds, Rice,
Russell, Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of
the Senate

12 and

13 McPeak, Cannaday and Faught
14 of the House

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17 A Concurrent Resolution endorsing the National Day of
18 Prayer on May 7, 2009; calling upon the President to
19 proclaim a special National Day of Prayer in June
2009 for the nation's economic condition; and
directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, it is a tradition of this nation to call upon Almighty
22 God during times of trial and tribulation. The Continental Congress
23 called for a national day of prayer in 1775, and President George
24 Washington declared February 19, 1795, as a solemn day for prayer.

1 President John Adams called for a solemn day of prayer in 1798, and
2 President James Madison did the same in 1813. President Abraham
3 Lincoln called for a day of prayer on March 30, 1863; and

4 WHEREAS, on June 6, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt led
5 the nation in prayer as American, British and Canadian troops
6 stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. April 17, 1952, President
7 Harry S. Truman signed a bill proclaiming a National Day of Prayer.
8 In 1988 President Ronald Reagan signed a law decreeing the National
9 Day of Prayer should be held on the first Thursday of May each year.
10 President George Walker Bush signed a Presidential Proclamation
11 declaring January 21, 2001, a National Day of Prayer. This year's
12 National Day of Prayer will be observed May 7, 2009; and

13 WHEREAS, although our state and nation will be observing the
14 National Day of Prayer on May 7, 2009, our country is facing the
15 greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression more than three-
16 quarters of a century ago. High unemployment, a wave of
17 foreclosures of homes, and businesses, large and small, declaring
18 bankruptcy and closing their doors as the result of excessive debt
19 are now common occurrences. It is fitting and proper in times of
20 special need that this nation, as we did on D-Day in 1944, again
21 look to the Lord for guidance, wisdom, and discernment as a response
22 to the economic challenge that currently confronts our nation.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature endorses the National Day of
5 Prayer on May 7, 2009, and encourages all Oklahomans to observe and
6 participate in this event.

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature calls upon the President of
8 the United States to proclaim a special National Day of Prayer in
9 June 2009, so as not to be confused with the May observance, to be
10 dedicated exclusively to the deteriorating economic condition of
11 this country and to beg the Almighty for relief, rescue, and succor.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
13 of the United States of America.

14 Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of May, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House
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