Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

MONROE TOWNSHIP- DAY OF PRAYER
Thursday, May 5, 2016

WHEREAS, Civic Prayers and National Days of Prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a **National Day of Prayer** was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the **National Day of Prayer** is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Monroe Township when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey do hereby proclaim **Thursday, May 5, 2016** to be designated as **A DAY OF PRAYER** in Monroe Township and encourage our citizens to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Dated: April 11, 2016

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR