

Senator Brown offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 46.

A resolution commemorating May 7, 2009, as Michigan's Day of Prayer.

Whereas, America's founders forged our country's longstanding reliance on prayer when they asked all colonists in 1775 to pray for God's help in undertaking the enormous task of forging our new nation; and

Whereas, An annual celebration of a National Day of Prayer officially came into existence in 1952 when President Truman signed into law a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress; and

Whereas, The 58th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held May 7, 2009; and

Whereas, Leaders of our nation have relied upon prayer throughout America's rich history; and

Whereas, II Chronicles 7:14 states "...if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."; and

Whereas, We, as a nation, give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy every day and pray that the state of Michigan and its people will be blessed and protected from those who would threaten our freedom and also be protected from the trials of economic hardship; and

Whereas, We ask God, the Author of our liberty, to guide us and strengthen our spiritual foundations during these challenging and difficult times; and

Whereas, We ask the Governor of Michigan, the President of the United States, and all elected officials to join with our citizens in embracing this National Day of Prayer and Michigan's Day of Prayer as an opportunity to come together in "humiliation, fasting and prayer," as President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed in 1863; and

Whereas, We urge all Americans to join in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that we acknowledge that God is sovereign and call upon our Creator in prayer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim May 7, 2009, as Michigan's Day of Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan, Office of the President of the United States, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation