

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR COLORADO

THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS CITIZENS AND INHABITANTS HAVE DRAWN STRENGTH, HOPE AND GUIDANCE FROM PRAYER. FROM THE VERY FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS THROUGH EVERY FORM OF ADVERSITY AND BLESSING, AMERICANS HAVE FALLEN TO THEIR KNEES AND IMploRED GOD ALMIGHTY TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES AND TO HEAL THEIR LAND.

THE FREEDOM UPON WHICH AMERICA IS FOUNDED AFFORDS THE RIGHT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL TO DECLINE TO PRAY IF HE OR SHE DESIRES. HOWEVER, THAT SAME FREEDOM ALLOWS THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER TO UTILIZE THAT GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK GOD TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN OUR NATION.

THE FREEDOM TO PRAY IS NOT DIMINISHED MERELY BECAUSE ONE IS ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE. QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE CLOAK OF AUTHORITY PLACED UPON THE SHOULDERS OF A PUBLIC SERVANT SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER TO USE THAT GREAT POWER TO ASK GOD TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN THE NATION THEY LOVE AND SERVE.

CENTURIES AGO, THE BIBLE RECORDS IN 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 THAT GOD TOLD KING SOLOMON:

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

IN EARLY 2005, A SMALL GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEGAN MEETING IN ROOM 219 OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION. THE GRAVITY OF THIS MEETING WAS DERIVED FROM THE HUMBLE SINCERITY OF THEIR BELIEF THAT GOD COULD HEAL THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THESE MEMBERS FORMED THE CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS TO VIGILANTLY WATCH AND TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS IN AMERICA TO PRAY. THEIR VISION FOR THE CAUCUS INSPIRED THE FORMATION OF SIMILAR CAUCUSES AROUND THE NATION.

AS THIS RESPONSE CONTINUES, IT BECOMES MORE AND MORE EVIDENT HOW IMPORTANT PRAYER IS TO OUR NATION. THE COLORADO LEGISLATIVE PRAYER CAUCUS IS COMMITTED TO PRAYER AND ACTION TO DEFEND AND PROTECT RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF OUR NATION WHO STEPPED OUT BOLDLY TO SECURE THE ONGOING FREEDOM OF ALL AMERICANS.

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE IN PRAYER AND THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES THAT REMIND US THAT OUR RIGHTS COME FROM ALMIGHTY GOD. ACCORDINGLY, THIS DAY WE RESPECTFULLY AND HUMBLY ISSUE THIS "CALL TO PRAYER" FOR COLORADO AND INVITE COLORADOANS EVERYWHERE TO PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS THIS COUNTRY AND THE FREEDOM FOR WHICH IT STANDS, AND THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS THE GREAT STATE OF COLORADO.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO AS OF THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2011.

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