

Senators Cropsey, Kahn, Richardville, Jelinek, Cassis, Pappageorge, Birkholz, Bishop, Jansen, Allen, Gilbert, Hardiman, Brown, Stamas, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Kuipers, George, Garcia, Sanborn, McManus, Scott, Olshove, Anderson, Cherry, Barcia and Gleason offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 176.

A resolution commemorating May 1, 2008, as Michigan's Day of Prayer.

Whereas, National days of prayer have been part of our country's heritage since they were first declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

Whereas, The 57th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held May 1, 2008, as mandated by both houses of Congress and by President George W. Bush; and

Whereas, Leaders of our nation have relied upon prayer throughout American history; and

Whereas, II Chronicles 7:14 states, "...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 will I hear from heaven and 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 threaten democracy; and

Whereas, We ask God for favor to help us increase in our economy, for blessing Michigan's commerce and industry with abundant provision to meet the needs of our families and communities, and for the wisdom, courage, and grace necessary to help transform the marketplace; and

Whereas, Psalm 28:7 states, "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."; and

Whereas, This year's National Day of Prayer theme is "Prayer: America's Strength and Shield"; and

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

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as Michigan's Day of Prayer and call for three days of fasting and prayer from May 2, 2008, to May 4, 2008.