

PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER
In the Village of Tobaccoville**

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is a tradition first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, it is eminently fitting and proper that we in the Village of Tobaccoville observe a day when all in our community may gather together freely and acknowledge our continued blessings and express heartfelt gratitude to God for them while we recognize the need for strengthening our religious and moral values within our land, our community, our homes, and most of all within ourselves; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is beset with a continued slant toward violence, both juvenile and adult, teenage pregnancies, dysfunctional families, and a host of problems which are tearing apart our societal fabrics; and

WHEREAS, it is no coincidence that these problems are occurring as values of faith are swept from the public arena and being replaced by ideas which reject concepts such as right and wrong and personal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, such a philosophy is at odds with the heritage of Americans, who historically have shared a broad consensus of religiously-inspired transcendent values, even while insisting on religious freedom; and

WHEREAS, the power of prayer and the power of God through prayer has been at the core of the shared American experience throughout history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Billy W. McHone, Mayor of the Village of Tobaccoville, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2016 as a *day of prayer* in the Village of Tobaccoville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Village of Tobaccoville, this 7th day of April, 2016.

Billy W. McHone
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Robin S. Key
Village Clerk

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