State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Day of Prayer

WHEREAS, prayer provides peace and guidance in times of crisis and conflict; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Rhode Island, we have been strengthened, assured, and lifted up through prayer; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 61st anniversary of the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island was to be a lively experiment, made up of a wide variety of religious, spiritual, and cultural traditions, each deserving the same respect, recognition, and freedom to practice as the next; and

WHEREAS, we pray for our families, communities, government, education institutions, businesses, military and media that all be given wisdom and guidance; and

WHEREAS, we give thanks for the many blessings and freedoms in our lives, communities, state, and nation, and through prayer seek to renew our dedication to being respectful and productive members of society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2012 as a Day of Prayer in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this day.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 8th day of February, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State