Proclamation

Now be it known to all those people residing in Washington State and most especially residing within the boundaries of Stevens County and the jurisdiction thereof that:

Whereas, From our earliest settlement this nation has relied upon Creator God to manifest Himself and to intervene in our affairs most especially to protect and save us in time of need, and

Whereas, As a nation we have abundant demonstrations in our history of God's love and protecting care most especially in times of need, and

Whereas, As a memorial to God's superintending love we have established an annual observance of a National Day of Prayer, this year themed on Jesus New Commandment in John 13 ...love one another just as I have loved you and thereby be a living demonstration of God and Christ in order to be known by all men as disciples of Christ, and

Whereas, The word Jesus used was agapeo, meaning a love that knows what is needed above what is desired, and

Whereas, Even Peter when asked by Christ in John 21 if he had agape love for his Lord had to confess that agape love was too high to reach but he could phileo love Jesus which indicates a love based on shared interest as a friend or neighbor, and

Whereas, Phileo love is earthly and natural and the new commandment of Christ is to mature into love as God and Christ manifest love, love that is of true and lasting benefit to mankind and not just based on emotional feelings,

NOW, THEREFORE, all believers should carefully examine themselves to see if they may be capable of manifesting God's Agape love that we may fulfill Christ's command to "...Love One Another Just As (the same kind of) I have Loved You" that all men may know those who are called and faithful as we proclaim Thursday, May 2, 2019 the 68th observance of the National Day of Prayer.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 26th day of March, 2019.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman Wes McCart
Commissioner Steve Parker
Commissioner Don Dashiel

ATTEST:

Polly Coleman, Clerk of the Board