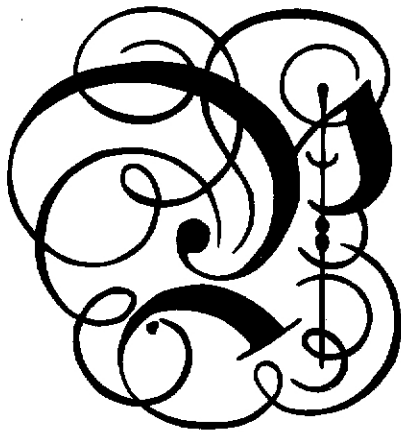


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# Proclamation

**Whereas** *Throughout our history, Americans have turned to prayer for strength, inspiration, and solidarity, and;*

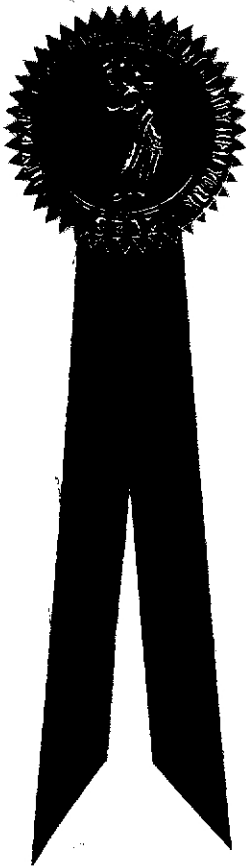
**WHEREAS:** *Prayer has played an important role in the American story and in shaping our Nation's leaders and in sustaining our County, and;*

**WHEREAS:** *It is fitting that, from the earliest years of our County's history, Congress, Legislatures, Councils as well as Presidents, Governors and County Executives and Mayors set aside days to recognize the role prayer has played in so many definitive moments in our history, and;*

**WHEREAS:** *On this 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Interreligious Prayer Service for Peace and Justice Celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week, let us be thankful for the liberty that allows people of all faiths to worship or not worship according to the dictates of their conscience, and let us be thankful for the many other freedoms and blessings that we often take for granted. It is also fitting that we commend the Ethical Culture Society of Westchester for hosting this service for the first time and for hosting it for the first time in White Plains and for their dedication to the principle that relationships of respect, compassion and integrity are the building blocks of personal and global harmony, and;*

**WHEREAS:** *Recognizing the importance of Prayer, it is with great pleasure that I join in celebrating the coming together of representatives of world religions and faith to promote understanding and tolerance among all religious traditions and beliefs.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT P. ASTORINO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY, do hereby recognize the week of February 2, 2014 to be World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs and invite all citizens of our County, to join me in giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, and I ask all people of faith to join me in asking God for guidance, mercy, and protection for our Nation, State and County.**



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Given Under My Hand and Seal this 2nd Day of February 2014

*Robert P. Astorino*  
County Executive