

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Bible Reading Week in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** the Bible is a fundamental part of our heritage and is the basis of our inalienable rights, serving as the foundation of our laws, our national character and our system of values; and
- Whereas,** President Andrew Jackson called the Bible "the book on which the Republic rests" and President Abraham Lincoln called the Bible "the best gift God has given to man," and historians credit President George Washington with identifying the United States as “One Nation under God;” and
- Whereas,** the year of 1990 was proclaimed by a Joint Congressional Resolution and Presidential Proclamation as International Year of Bible Reading during the tenure of President Bush; and
- Whereas,** the Bible has been the foundation for the many blessings from God that we have enjoyed in the United States; may it remain our standard; and
- Whereas,** over 150 years ago, the great American scholar Noah Webster wrote: "All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that November 11-15, 2019 is Bible Reading Week in Martin County. Further, the Board encourages participation in the 19th Annual Bible Reading Marathon being held at the Band Shell in Memorial Park, a ninety-hour continuous read through the entire Bible lifting up the Word of God, the word that created our nation and continues to strengthen our nation.

Presented this Twelfth Day of November 2019

ATTEST:

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