

**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, and it serves 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 the bible has been celebrated annually thereafter; 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;" and

**Whereas,** the Bible is the foundation for many blessings that we enjoy in the United States of America.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that November 11-15, 2021 is Bible Reading Week in Martin County. Further, the Board encourages participation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bible Reading Marathon being held at the Band Shell in Memorial Park, a ninety-hour continuous read-through of the entire Bible, lifting up the Word of God – the word that created our nation and continues to strengthen our nation.

**Presented this Second Day of November 2021**

ATTEST:

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