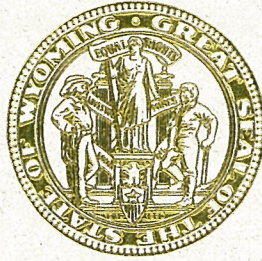


GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, religious freedom is important in all parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is the spiritual head of hundreds of Orthodox Christians in Wyoming, millions in America and 250 million around the world; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming recognizes the contribution of Orthodox Christians to the state, to American culture and to cultures across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming supports the elimination of discrimination against the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Greek Orthodox Church wherever it exists in the world and however it manifests itself; and

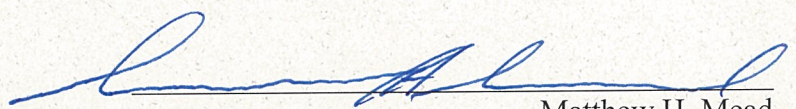
WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming recognizes the progress on this issue and appreciates efforts made to eliminate religious discrimination and to promote religious freedom for all; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Orthodox Christian community in Wyoming, I support the continuation of such efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby call for the elimination of all forms of religious discrimination, the recognition of the religious rights of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Orthodox Christians and the promotion of religious freedom for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 20 day of June, 2012.




Matthew H. Mead
Governor