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A Colorado court has ruled the state's proclamation for a Day of Prayer is unconstitutional.

The state appeals court made the ruling Thursday on the proclamations by former Govs. Bill Ritter, a Democrat, and Bill Owens, a Republican, saying they violate the Constitution's provisions for religious liberty.

The three-judge panel ruled unanimously that such a state-sponsored proclamation sends a message that those who pray are favored members of Colorado's political community, according to the Denver Post.

"In doing so, they undermine the premise that the government serves believers and nonbelievers equally," Judge Steven Bernard wrote in a 73-page decision.

The six Day of Prayer proclamations -- from 2004 to 2009 -- are "predominantly religious," wrote Judges Alan Loeb and Nancy Lichtenstein.

The court also said the proclamations sometimes included biblical verses and religious themes, effectively making a government endorsement of a religion.

The ruling stems from a 2008 case brought by the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

The National Day of Prayer is held each year the first Thursday of May, as designated by Congress. Its constitutionality also is being challenged by the foundation. The group's first challenge was dismissed in April 2011 by a federal appellate court.

The Colorado appeals court returned the case to the trial court to consider a permanent injunction on the day, also held on the first Thursday in May, according to the newspaper.

The office of Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, said it would talk with the state attorney general before considering an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Re: Colorado Appeals Court Declares Day of Prayer Unconstitutional , on: 2012/5/14 11:34

Ah. Peace and safety. Peace and safety. Nothing to worry about. The idea of Christians being persecuted in America is merely a myth. All is well. Peace and safety.

Bearmaster.

Re: Colorado Appeals Court Declares Day of Prayer Unconstitutional - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2012/5/14 11:40

"One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike." -Romans 14:5

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2012/5/14 11:42

Peace and safety is right.

Whether our heads are in the clouds, sand or the 'pursuit of happiness', persecution is coming.

Like it or not. Not being tough.

Re: Colorado Appeals Court Declares Day of Prayer Unconstitutional , on: 2012/5/14 12:17

So our fore fathers were out to lunch when they made these declarations. This country was built on Judeo Christian principles.

The laws are being rewritten to suit another system that has nothing to do with what America once stood on. It doesn't matter to the powers that be regarding American history, it's what they are doing today, establishing their own version of democracy and it's not based upon Judeo Christian fundamentals.

The foundation of this country is being destroyed within. The nation that forgets God shall be turned into hell.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2012/5/14 14:15

I checked out a book today out of the library entitled "A City Upon a Hill." The book deals with how sermons changed the course of American History.

I am looking forward to reading this book, because where are the voices today in the pulpits that are crying out for righteousness and justice? Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne, and today both the president and the courts of our land are calling good evil and evil good. If the courts decide to make preaching against homosexuality a hate crime, how many preachers will still be calling it what it is, which is an abomination to God.

Mike

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2012/5/14 14:31

I seem to remember a Bible story where the King said that people could only pray to him. Turned out pretty well for the man who didn't follow...