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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF FASTING, HUMILIATION AND PRAYER:

BY THE GOVERNOR.

Our entire and absolute dependence on the Providence of an Almighty and beneficent Creator for every blessing that we enjoy, is declared to us by the concurring testimony of reason and revelation. The duty of obedience to His laws, and of penitence for our violation of them, is not less clearly made known to us by the authority of His word.

Holding in respect a venerated custom, and believing its observance to have a salutary influence upon us as an erring and disobedient people, who too often forget our relations to God, our duties, responsibilities and dangers, I do, with advice of the Council, appoint THURSDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF APRIL next, to be observed as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer throughout this State.

Let us assemble on that day in our accustomed places of public worship, and, by solemn religious exercises, humbly and penitently acknowledge our ingratitude to God, and implore His forgiveness for our offences. Let us fervently pray that He would have mercy on the land in which we live; that He who was the God of our fathers, and who has so long shielded our beloved country from the perils that have beset it, would still interpose in its behalf—restore peace and harmony to its councils—preserve, unimpaired, the blessings of our national Union, and again unite our whole people in the bonds of fraternity and good will.

May we especially invoke the blessing of God upon our State; entreat Him to guard our civil and religious institutions; to protect the great interests of education, morals and industry; and that He would mercifully spare us from sickness, want and all other calamities.

And with our confessions and supplications, may we also resolve to forsake, henceforth, all former transgressions, and by the integrity, sobriety and purity of our lives, to make manifest the sincerity of our religious faith, and its influence upon our hearts.

The people are requested to abstain from all exercises and employments inconsistent with the solemnities of the day.

Given at the Council Chamber, at Concord, the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-fourth.

SAMUEL DINSMOOR.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
WITH ADVICE OF COUNCIL,

THOMAS P. TREADWELL, *Secretary of State.*