

BY HIS EXCEL

**JONATHAN TRUMBULL, ESQUIRE,**  
Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of  
CONNECTICUT, in AMERICA;

# A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of *Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer.*

*ALTHOUGH* we have great Reason to adore the Divine Goodness, for the Plenty, general Health, and the many other Blessings we have enjoyed in the past Year; yet we ought, with humble Reverence, to Notice the holy Hand of GOD, who permitteth the Sword of a cruel War to devour in our Land---He hath set one Thing over against another---He hath delivered into our Hands, in a marvelous Manner, the whole northern Army of our Enemies---He hath suffered their southern Troops to enter and possess one of our principal Cities---and the Rod of his Correction is still held over us :---And considering, that we do not see a Spirit of Repentance and general Reformation under his awful Judgments; and that the Supply of all our Wants, and all our Salvation depend on his Picaure,---to whom we are to seek for all Good.

And whereas the Congress of the United States of America, have recommended to them, setting a-part a Day, in the following Words, Viz.

“ In CONGRESS, *March 7, 1778.*

“ WHEREAS Almighty GOD, in the righteous Dispensations of his Providence, hath permitted  
“ the Continuation of a cruel and desolating War in our Land; and it being at all Times the Duty  
“ of a People to acknowledge GOD in all his Ways, and more especially to humble themselves before Him,  
“ when evident Tokens of his Displeasure are manifested---to acknowledge his righteous Government---  
“ confess and forsake their evil Ways, and implore his Mercy.

“ RESOLVED,

“ That it be recommended to the United States of *America*, to set a-part WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SECOND  
“ Day of APRIL next, to be observed as a Day of FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER---that at one Time,  
“ and with one Voice, the Inhabitants may acknowledge the righteous Dispensations of Divine Providence,  
“ and confess their Iniquities and Transgressions, for which the Land mourneth;---that they may implore  
“ the Mercy and Forgiveness of GOD, and beseech Him, that Vice, Profaneness, Extortion, and every Evil  
“ may be done away, and that we may be a reformed and a happy People;---that they may unite in humble  
“ and fervent Supplications, that it may please Almighty GOD, to guard and defend us against our Enemies,  
“ and give Vigour and Success to our military Operations by Sea and Land;---and that it may please Him  
“ to bless the civil Rulers and People, strengthen and perpetuate our Union, and in his own good Time,  
“ establish us in the peaceable Enjoyment of our Rights and Liberties;---that it may please Him, to bless  
“ our Schools and Seminaries of Learning, and make them Nurseries of true Piety, Virtue, and useful Know-  
“ ledge---and that it may please Him to cause the Earth to yield her Increase---and to crown the Year  
“ with his Goodness.

“ And it is recommended to the Inhabitants of the United States, to abstain on that Day, from Labour  
“ and Recreation.”

I HAVE therefore, answerably to the Advice of Council, the Desire of the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and the foregoing Resolve of Congress, thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint, WEDNESDAY the TWENTY-SECOND Day of APRIL next, to be observed as a Day of FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER throughout this State---hereby exhorting both Ministers and People of all Denominations, to join with one another, and the rest of these States, at one Time, with one Voice, and with penitent, contrite Hearts, to humble themselves before GOD, for their public Offences, and every one for his own Sins and Miscarriages, whereby GOD is provoked, the public Guilt increased, and the Judgments and Vengeance of Heaven are brought down upon the Land. Likewise to unite in humble and fervent Supplications for the Blessings mentioned in the Recommendation of Congress; that the Glory of the LORD may dwell in our Land, and Peace be given to Israel.

*And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.*

GIVEN under my Hand in Lebanon, the Twenty-first Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight

*Jonath. Trumbull.*