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# THANKSGIVING.

## A PROCLAMATION

BY CHARLES ANDERSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, I am now advised that it is the desire of a majority of the good people of this State, to celebrate but one day of Thanksgiving and Praise; and,

WHEREAS, The States of this Union—as well those which had originally fixed upon the earlier and customary day, as such of them that have for the first time appointed the later one—have now, almost unanimously, designated, for their State occasions, the date heretofore set apart, by the President of the United States, for the Nation's Thanksgiving; and,

WHEREAS, It is certainly most fit and proper, that upon an occasion of such signal and universal blessings, our whole people should not merely render for them their thanks to God, but should, likewise, in a spirit of Christian and fraternal concord, unite all the hearts of their many worshiping assemblies in the one act of Thanksgiving, at one and the same time.

Now, therefore, in consideration of these and other like reasons, I, CHARLES ANDERSON, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby revoke the appointment of the day heretofore recommended to the people of Ohio, for this sacred festival, and I do now set apart, in lieu thereof, the first THURSDAY, being the seventh day of the month of DECEMBER *proximo*, and again call upon them all, to join, upon that day, in these grave but pleasing duties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, to be affixed at the city of Columbus, on this the sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and in the ninetieth year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

[L. S.]

CHARLES ANDERSON.

By the Governor:

WM. HENRY SMITH,

*Secretary of State.*