

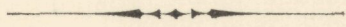
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BY HIS EXCELLENCY,

JOHN BROUGH,

Governor of the State of Ohio.

A PROCLAMATION.



As a nation we should bow before the Lord. Thanksgiving and praise should be rendered unto Him for His care and protection of us as a people. During the past year we have been eminently blessed; and it is meet we should pause in our worldly career to realize and be grateful for it. We have been blessed with general health and enlarged prosperity throughout our State. The seed time and the harvest have been given to us in their seasons, and we have reaped abundantly of the products of the earth. Arts and Sciences, Commerce and Navigation, and all the industrial pursuits have flourished and been blessed with ample rewards. We have worshipped in our temples, and dwelt by our hearth-stones in perfect security. Invasion has not come within our borders, and the tide of war has been kept from our limits. Our arms have been crowned with victory, and our efforts to suppress the rebellion in the land have been signally prospered. For all this care and protection, and for all guidance of His wisdom, and all His blessings unto us, we should give thanks and praise to the Great Ruler of the universe, who controls and governs the destinies of men and of nations.

Therefore, I, JOHN BROUGH, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate and set apart the last THURSDAY of the present month of November, being the twenty-fourth day of said month, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to Almighty God, and respectfully recommend to the people of the State, that, laying aside all worldly avocations, they do observe said day as one of praise to our Heavenly Father, for all past blessings, and of humble but earnest supplication that He will strengthen our rulers and guide us in the course that shall early lead to peace and unity in our land, the restoration and perpetuity of our Government, and the continued prosperity and happiness of our people.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, the ninth day of November, in the year of our [L. s.] Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and in the eighty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

JOHN BROUGH.

W. W. ARMSTRONG, *Secretary of State.*