

# PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS it becomes us humbly to approach the Throne of Almighty GOD with Gratitude and Praise for the Wonders which his Goodness has wrought in conducting our Forefathers to this Western World, for his Protection to them and to their Posterity amid Difficulties and Dangers: For raising us their Children from deep Distress to be numbered among the Nations of the Earth; and for arming the Hands of just and mighty Princes in our Deliverance; and especially for that he hath been pleased to grant us the Enjoyment of Health, and so to order the revolving Seasons, that the Earth hath produced her Increase in Abundance; blessing the Labours of the Husbandmen, and spreading Plenty through the Land: That he hath prospered our Arms and those of our Ally, been a Shield to our Troops in the Hour of Danger, pointed their Swords to Victory, and led them in Triumph over the Bulwarks of the Foe: That he hath gone with those who went out into the Wilderness against the Savage Tribes: That he hath stayed the Hand of the Spoiler, and turned back his meditated Destruction: That he hath prospered our Commerce and given Success to those who fought the Enemy on the Face of the Deep; and above all that he hath diffused the glorious Light of the Gospel, whereby through the Merits of our gracious Redeemer we may become the Heirs of his eternal Glory.

Therefore,

**RESOLVED**, That it be recommended to the several States to appoint Thursday the Ninth Day of December next to be a Day of public and solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD for his Mercies; and of Prayer for the continuance of his Favour and Protection to these United States; to beseech him that he would graciously be pleased to influence our public Councils, and bless them with Wisdom from on High with Unanimity, Firmness and Success; that he would go forth with our Hosts and crown our Arms with Victory; that he would grant to his Church the plentiful Effusions of divine Grace, and pour out his Holy Spirit on all Ministers of the Gospel; that he would bless and prosper the Means of Education and spread the Light of Christian Knowledge through the remotest Corners of the Earth; that he would smile upon the Labours of his People, and cause the Earth to bring forth her Fruits in Abundance; that we may with Gratitude and Gladness enjoy them; that he would take into his holy Protection our illustrious Ally, give him Victory over his Enemies, and render him signally great as the Father of his People and the Protector of the Rights of Mankind; that he would graciously be pleased to turn the Hearts of our Enemies and dispense the Blessings of Peace to contending Nations; that he would in Mercy look down upon us, pardon all our Sins and receive us into his Favour; and finally that he would establish the Independence of these United States upon the Basis of Religion and Virtue, and support and protect them in the Enjoyment of Peace, Liberty and Safety.

Done in Congress the Twentieth Day of October, in the Year of Our LORD One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy Nine, and in the Fourth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

*Samuel Huntington, President.*

Attest.

*Charles Thompson, Secretary.*

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## State of Massachusetts-Bay.

COUNCIL - CHAMBER in BOSTON, November 3, 1779.

**AGREEABLE** to the above Recommendation of the Honorable CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, by the Advice of the COUNCIL, We have thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint **THURSDAY the Ninth Day of December next**, to be observed throughout this State as a Day of public **THANKSGIVING and PRAISE**: And we do hereby call upon Ministers and People of every Denomination religiously to observe the said Day accordingly.

By their HONORS Order,  
**JOHN AVERY, Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>.**

William Sever,  
Artemas Ward,  
Benjamin Greenleaf,  
Walter Spooner,  
Thomas Cushing,  
Samuel Adams,  
Benjamin White,  
Henry Gardner,  
Daniel Davis,  
Francis Dana,  
Oliver Prescott,  
Abraham Fuller,  
Samuel Niles,  
John Pitts,  
Aaron Wood.

**GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA!**