



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM W. ELLSWORTH,

Governor of the State of Connecticut,

A PROCLAMATION.

GOD is the sovereign disposer of all events. The vast affairs of the human family are all known unto him, and are embraced in his universal providence. The wide spread heavens, the fruitful earth, the unfathomable ocean, in their order and magnificence, and still more the intellectual and moral endowments of man, exhibit the power, wisdom and goodness of the Creator. As *his* creatures, we bow in humble reverence before him. And as a community, we are constrained, in the review of another year, by weighty and endearing considerations, to confide in **God**; to adore and praise him; to acknowledge his rightful authority and our obligations to serve him.

To enable us more deeply to cherish these sentiments, and in accordance with a revered custom of our forefathers, I do appoint **THURSDAY**, the nineteenth day of November next, to be observed as a day of **THANKSGIVING, PRAISE** and **PRAYER** to Almighty God. And I invite the people of this State, on said day, to refrain from their accustomed employments; to assemble in their places of public worship, and there render thanks to **God** for his innumerable blessings. And especially that he has crowned the year with an abundant harvest and filled our garners with plenty; that we have enjoyed health throughout our borders; civil and religious institutions of unsurpassed excellence; an equal and just administration of the laws; the lights of knowledge; the progress of truth, and success in the many generous and philanthropic efforts which distinguish the period in which we live.

Let us also supplicate our *Heavenly Father*, to forbear the infliction of merited judgments for national sins, and to awaken contrition in every heart; that he will continue fruitful seasons; protect and prosper our nation; bind in closer union these States; enlighten our rulers; enkindle a purer patriotism; diffuse the blessings of education; implant a love of truth; bless the enterprises of benevolence, and remove from the land infidelity, intemperance and oppression; and above all, that he will graciously impart and cherish, in every heart, a deeper and warmer gratitude for the peace offered to our souls, in the word of **God**, through the atonement of his Son **Jesus Christ**, our Savior.

Given under my hand and the seal of said State, at **Hartford**, this tenth day of **October**, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, and of the Independence of the United States the sixty-fifth.

WILLIAM W. ELLSWORTH.

By His Excellency's command,

ROYAL R. HINMAN, *Secretary.*