

BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
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A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

“THE LORD Reigneth, let the earth Rejoice.” Such are the words of Inspiration, and such is the voice of Reason. That there is a Supreme Being, who presides over the works of Creation, and directs in all the dispensations of his Providence and Grace, and will finally subject all events to his greatest glory and the highest happiness of every obedient subject, must inspire the devout and reflecting mind with confidence, under all the alarming vicissitudes of human affairs. The many and signal favors and mercies bestowed on the citizens of this Commonwealth, from its earliest years, should excite in us the most lively emotions of gratitude and demand the most solemn ascriptions of praise and that as a people, we should publicly unite to adore and magnify the Lord, who is our support and our defence.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council and at the request of the House of Representatives, to appoint and I do hereby appoint the **FIRST THURSDAY** of **DECEMBER** next, to be observed as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE** throughout this State :—And I hereby recommend to ministers and people, of every religious denomination, to refrain from all recreations and unnecessary labor on said day and to assemble at their respective places of Public Worship, there to join in fervent prayer and solemn and devout praise to God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift : And I do earnestly recommend, that this day, thus devoted to Public Thanksgiving, may not be considered as a customary festival, descended by tradition from our ancestors, but that all would endeavor so to regulate their affections and prepare their minds, that, on this day, we may offer, in very deed, an acceptable sacrifice of gratitude, prayer and praise to him, who is the only object of worship and religious adoration.

And I do further recommend to all parents and heads of families, and all who may be entrusted with the care and education of youth, that they would, on this solemn occasion, repair, with all, who may be committed to their guardianship and charge, to their respective places of public worship, and that, as one people, we may appear before our God and humble ourselves, for those manifold transgressions, which render us unworthy of the least of his favors and resolve that as we have done evil we will do so no more—and to beseech of him, that by the influence of his Divine Spirit, we may become that favored people, whose God is the Lord.

That we may bless and praise his holy name for the mercies of former times, and more especially, for the favors of the past year ; that he has blessed the labors of the husbandman and crowned the year with a plenteous harvest.

That he has raised up a spirit of industry and enterprise among us ; that our manufactures have been prospered and that we are daily becoming more and more independent of foreign countries. That he has preserved us from pestilence and contagious disorders ; that we enjoy peace in our borders and health in our habitations ; that he has continued to us a government of our choice ; and that our rulers are from the midst of their brethren.

But above all, to adore his holy name, for the blessings of Divine Revelation and the gift of his Son to a lost and erring world ; for the pure doctrines of the gospel, freely preached among us, whose salutary influence, not only fits and prepares us for a future state, but enlightens our minds and adapts our tempers to become useful and peaceable members of society and more especially to become good citizens of a republican government.

And while we bless and praise him for past favors, we ought sincerely to supplicate the continuance of his mercies ; that he would continue to us the blessings of civil and religious liberty and preserve our federal union with our sister states ; that he would bless the president of the United States and all those who are entrusted with the administration of the State and General governments ; that peace and prosperity may be the result of their united efforts.

That he would bless the means of education among us ; prosper our Colleges, Academies and Schools and cause them to be the instruments of diffusing virtue, religion and science among the people ; that the rising generation may not prostrate the privileges of a free and happy government ; that he would bless our agriculture and manufactures and revive and prosper the mechanic arts and cause the useful commerce of our country to become free and prosperous ; that he would cause the belligerents of Europe to sheathe the sword and stay the further effusion of human blood.

And finally that the happy era may commence, when, the peaceable reign of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may pervade the habitable world and he become king of nations, as he now is king over his individual saints.

*Given under my hand, in council chamber, at Montpelier, this twenty fourth day of October, in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and ten ; and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the thirty fifth.*

JONAS GALUSHA.

By his Excellency's Command,  
ROLLIN C. MALLARY, Secretary.