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State of New-Hampshire.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

Public Thanksgiving and Praise.

By His Excellency, Ichabod Goodwin, Governor.

That a Christian people should unite in public thanksgiving to God, for all his mercies, temporal and spiritual; for crowning the year with his goodness; for the happy ingathering of the plentiful fruits of the earth; for the success of private industry; for public prosperity, and social, civil and religious privileges, is not only sanctioned by ancient and honored custom, but is in itself eminently fit and becoming.

I do, therefore, with the advice of the Executive Council, appoint Thursday, the 24th of November, as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise, and recommend to all the people of this State that they assemble in their respective places of public worship, to offer to Almighty God their grateful acknowledgments for the gifts of his grace through Jesus Christ,—imploving his protection and blessing upon us as individuals and as a people, and for our continued prosperity, freedom and happiness, both as a State and Nation.

Let the occasion be not only observed as one of religious joy and Christian thankfulness, but let it also be marked by special acts of humanity, benevolence and charity.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Concord, this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-fourth.

Ichabod Goodwin.

By His Excellency, the Governor,

With advice of Council,

Thomas L. Tullock,

Secretary of State.