

By his EXCELLENCY

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A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS the Most Honorable the Congress of the United States of *America* did,  
on the Twentieth Day of *October* last, pass the following Resolve, to wit:

Whereas 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 Husbandman, 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 eter-  
nal Glory. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the several States to appoint *THURSDAY*,  
the Ninth 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 be graciously pleased to in-  
fluence our public Councils, and bless them with Wisdom from on high, with Unanimity, Firm-  
ness, 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 Edu-  
cation, 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 to 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 the United States, upon the Basis of Religion and Virtue, and  
support and protect them in the Enjoyment of Peace, Liberty and Safety.

And whereas the Council of War, appointed to act in the Recess of the General Assembly of  
this State, taking the aforesaid Resolve into Consideration, did on this Day request me to issue a  
Proclamation, to make known the same, and recommending the said Day to be observed accor-  
dingly: I have therefore thought fit to issue this Proclamation, to make known the same, and do  
hereby recommend it to all the Inhabitants of this State, to observe the said Day as a Day of pub-  
lic and solemn Thanksgiving and Prayer, according to the Intent of the said Resolve.

*Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the said State, this Seventeenth Day of No-  
vember, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine,  
and in the Fourth Year of Independence.*

WILLIAM GREENE.

By his Excellency's Command,  
HENRY WARD, Sec'y.

GOD Save the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.