

Commonwealth of



Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**LEVI LINCOLN,**

GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

**A PROCLAMATION**

**FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.**

IN the rich enjoyment of the blessings of public tranquillity, of health, and the abundance of the harvests, the People of this Commonwealth have passed through another revolution of the Seasons, and in devout contemplation of the goodness of a divine and merciful Benefactor, who has sustained, and nourished, and loaded them with benefits, their hearts will be elevated to acknowledgments of gratitude, and animated to fervent ascriptions of adoration and praise.

To afford opportunity, at the accustomed period of the year, for an united expression of these sentiments and feelings of pious joy, I have thought fit, with the advice and consent of the Council, to set apart **THURSDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT**, to be observed as a *Religious Festival* of **THANKSGIVING**, throughout the Commonwealth. And I do invite the People of every Christian denomination, to repair, on that day, to the houses dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, there to commemorate the signal mercies of his providence, in the preservation of their lives, and in the multiplied circumstances of comfort and happiness with which they

are enjoyed:—To recognise the divine superintendence in the peace and prosperity of the nation; in the security of the institutions of popular government; in the indulgence of the rights of conscience; in the diffusion of the means of instruction and knowledge; and in the cultivation and improvement of civil and social relations:—To rejoice that charity and philanthropy are engaged in the relief of the afflicted, intelligence and moral virtue in vindicating the rights of the oppressed, and that the spirit of Christianity is in exercise to communicate the influence of the Gospel to the ignorant and the vicious of the whole earth.

AND truly and deeply sensible of our dependence upon the grace and mercy of God, may we seek, by resolutions of devoted obedience to his will, by penitence for sin, and by supplication and prayer, the continuance of his favor;—humbly commending ourselves, in our individual interests and wants, and in all our associations with Society, Government, and Country, to his future protection and blessing.

THE People of the Commonwealth are requested to abstain from whatever is inconsistent with the appropriate observance of the occasion.

**Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, and the fifty second of the Independence of the United States of America.**

**LEVI LINCOLN.**

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice }  
and consent of the Council. }

**EDWARD D. BANGS, Secretary.**

**God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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Wid. Sarah Stone  
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