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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE:

BY THE GOVERNOR.

In accordance with duty, it has ever been the pleasure as well as the custom of the people of New England, and more recently, of most of the other States of the Union, to set apart a day toward the close of each succeeding year, to make to our Creator and Preserver the due acknowledgement of our entire dependence on him for all the numerous blessings vouchsafed to us, and to render him thanks for his manifest goodness and mercy to his dependent people. By his beneficent care and protection we have been and still are in the full enjoyment of our civil and religious liberties, our charitable, social and Christian institutions, the increasing means of education, and of the mental and moral improvement of all classes of the people, and the blessings of peace, health and prosperity.

The earth, also, for the past season, has yielded an abundant harvest in all the necessaries and comforts of life, and ample remuneration has been awarded to the labor of man; and the people, relieved from all apprehensions of want, may cheerfully rejoice and be thankful in the midst of plenty.

For these and other innumerable blessings, it is incumbent on us to render our sincere and hearty thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to whom we are so deeply indebted for them all.

For this purpose, therefore, with advice of the Council, I appoint THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER INST., to be observed throughout this State as a day of PRAYER, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD; and I would most earnestly recommend that the people, omitting all labor and amusement inconsistent with the solemnities of the occasion, assemble on that day at their respective places of public worship, and there gratefully and devoutly acknowledge their manifold obligations to our Heavenly Benefactor, sincerely offer him their praise and their thanks for all his favors, and with heartfelt prayer beseech their continuance.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Concord, this first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

RALPH METCALF.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

With advice of Council.

LEMUEL N. PATTEE, Secretary of State.