

# STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

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## A PROCLAMATION,

### FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

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It is the duty of all men to acknowledge their obligations to the Almighty Ruler and Governor of the Universe, but especially does it become the people of this favored land, where privileges and blessings are enjoyed, which are unknown to many other nations, to pour forth the full tribute of their hearts in grateful acknowledgments to GOD for the distinguished favors it has pleased Him to bestow upon us.

The return of autumn, when the labors of the year are nearly finished, when the garners are full, and when the Husbandman may look forward to a winter of peace and plenty, naturally brings with it many associations, which are calculated to awaken the best feelings of the heart, and presents an occasion peculiarly favorable for this laudable purpose. I do, therefore, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, appoint THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, to be celebrated with THANKSGIVING and PRAISE throughout this State; and I recommend to Ministers and People of every religious denomination to assemble on that day at their respective places of public worship; there, with devout and grateful hearts, to return thanks for the numerous blessings of the past year—unitedly to acknowledge their dependence upon the Creator and beneficent Ruler of the Universe, and to offer to Him that homage and adoration which are due to the “Giver of every good and perfect gift;” to recount the unmerited favors that have flowed from His mercy and goodness; that life is rendered dear by the many blessings that attend it; that health has prevailed in this State, while some portions of our country have been visited with wasting pestilence; that the seasons have been so ordered as to reward the labours of the Husbandman; that our mechanick arts are rapidly progressing; that a higher and more just estimate is placed upon the importance of Education; and that the means of obtaining useful knowledge are more generally diffused and eagerly sought for; that peace and prosperity are continued to us; that our civil and religious rights are still enjoyed; and that a spirit of benevolence and harmony presides over our public institutions and social intercourse: whilst, with devout and fervent gratitude, we return thanks to our Heavenly Father for these blessings, and ask a continuance of His countless mercies, let us be duly sensible of our own unworthiness, and repentant of our many transgressions; humbly let us pray that He would direct us in the pathway of our duties, and cause the religion of the gospel to be universally known and obeyed; that its holy doctrines may so influence the hearts of men as to check every vicious inclination, and unfold and strengthen every virtuous principle; that He would regard in mercy the governments of this Nation, and of this State, and direct them to such measures as may preserve the purity of our institutions, and perpetuate those privileges and blessings, which it is the object of our system of government to secure

*Given at Hillsborough, this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and the fifty-fourth of the Independence of the United States of America.*

**BENJAMIN PIERCE.**

BY THE GOVERNOR,

WITH ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL.

*Dudley S. Palmer, Secretary.*