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State of New Hampshire.

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

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A Day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise.

By His Excellency **ON SLOW STEARNS**, Governor.

The President has recommended to the people of the United States, that, in devout acknowledgement of the Divine goodness which has been vouchsafed to them during the past year, they fitly observe a day of Thanksgiving, praise and prayer to Almighty God.

Our own feelings of gratitude to the Giver of all good, no less than the long established custom of our State, prompt us to this grateful service.

God has indeed richly blessed us.

He has saved us from "the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

He has given us the "early and the latter rain" in their season, the seed time with its promise, and the harvest with its plenty.

He has ordained that peace should prevail throughout the land, to the end that the animosities of civil strife should disappear, the wounds of the State be healed, and our national government be restored to its integrity and strength.

He has inspired the hope that the righteousness which exalteth a nation will prevail among the people, and justice be decreed by those who exercise authority.

He has raised up the down-trodden, granted liberty to the captive, and given his Almighty help to those who were ready to perish.

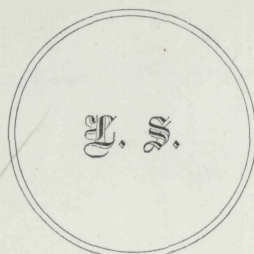
And while He has thus enriched us with earthly blessings, He also continues to us the exceeding spiritual blessings of the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ.

I do therefore, with the advice of the Council, appoint

THURSDAY, the eighteenth day of November next,

a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

And I recommend that the people of this State on that day assemble in their respective places of worship, to commemorate with grateful songs and praise the loving kindness of God, and to offer their prayers for a continuance of Divine mercies to the children of men.



Given at the Council Chamber, in Concord, this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-fourth.

ON SLOW STEARNS.

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council.

JOHN D. LYMAN, *Secretary of State.*