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BY ALBION K. PARRIS, 
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MAINE: 

A PROCLAMATION, 

For a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise.

THE voice of civil authority can never be more beneficially, nor more honorably employed than in echoing the commands of that Legislator, whose dominion is universal and supreme, and from whom all authority is derived. If it may ever speak with confidence, if it may ever claim to be regarded, it is when inculcating duties which He has enjoined. As He has made it the duty of His rational creatures to enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; a compliance with the customs, long since established by our ancestors, of appointing a day annually for the public and united performance of this duty, cannot need either warrant or apology. We cannot, indeed, expect to discharge a duty which is due to His Name, and acknowledge in a suitable manner the unnumbered mercies which He has bestowed on us the past year.

The favours, which we daily receive as individuals, demand daily thankful returns. But as the members of a civil community compose one political body united by various ties, and as they are indebted to Him, on whom nations, no less than individuals depend, for many blessings in which they have a common interest; it seems highly proper that they should occasionally unite in more public and solemn acknowledgments of His goodness.

I have, therefore, thought fit to appoint, and with the advice of the Council, to hereby appoint THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, to be observed by the inhabitants of this State, as a Day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise. And they are requested to assemble on that day in their respective places of religious worship, that we may, with united and grateful hearts “give unto God the glory which is due to His Name,” and acknowledge in a suitable manner, the unnumbered mercies which He has bestowed on us the past year.

In the name of that “One Mediator” through whom all our blessings flow, let us offer Him our most hearty thanks, that while the dispensations of His Providence during this period have been strikingly adapted to convince us of our entire dependence on His sovereign will, and of the ease with which He can strip us of the dispensations of His Providence during this period, we may, with united and grateful hearts “give unto God the glory which is due to His Name,” and acknowledge in a suitable manner, the unnumbered mercies which He has bestowed on us the past year.

And the inhabitants of this State are requested to abstain from all labor and recreation inconsistent with the services of that day.

Albion K. Parris.

BY THE GOVERNOR: 

AMOS NICHOLS, Secretary of State.