

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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With grateful hearts, let the people respond to the call to worship and give thanks to Him from Whom all blessings flow. Let vocations and business be laid aside and the day be given over to sacred and patriotic observances.

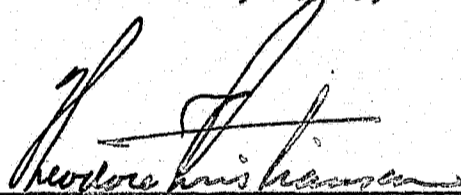
Now, therefore, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate and set apart,

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1927,

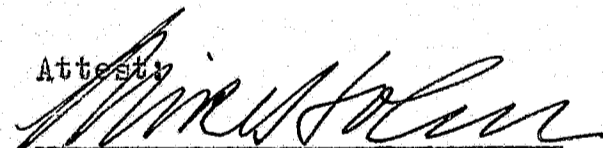
to be observed as Thanksgiving Day.

(Great Seal)

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, this 14th day of November, A. D., 1927.


Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:


Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION

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Three hundred twenty-six years ago, in November, 1621, the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth sent four young men into the surrounding wilderness to secure game, and on their return held the first Thanksgiving. It was a day not of mere feasting, but also of devout thanks to Almighty God for the first harvest reaped in the New World.

Thus was inaugurated an occasion to become memorable in American history. During the Revolution Congress appointed days of thanksgiving. Following adoption of the Federal constitution, Thanksgiving was observed in 1784 throughout the Colonies. In 1795, Washington proclaimed Thanksgiving for the advent of prosperity throughout the new republic. President Madison asked observance of the day for victory won in the War of 1812. President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving in 1864 for the dawn of peace following the Civil War. Each successive president as well as the governors of the various states have since issued annual proclamations asking the people to give thanks for blessings received.

Hallowed with more than three centuries of American traditions, Thanksgiving comes to us with patriotic as well as religious significance. It is a day to renew our vows of loyalty to the principles the fathers established in the founding of our country. It is a day sacred to the memories of those who made the supreme sacrifice on many battlefields that we might continue a free and independent people. In their memory and in love of country, let the flag be displayed on all public buildings and elsewhere throughout the state. Let civic organizations, public officials, and private citizens unite in patriotic observances.

It is a day to give thanks not only for material blessings, but for the immeasurable resources of our citizenship. In the accomplishment of American ideals is more national gain than in the wealth of harvests gleaned, metals mined, or in the riches of our industrial production.

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