



BY HIS EXCELLENCY
JAMES E. ENGLISH,
Governor of the State of Connecticut,
A PROCLAMATION.

In conformity with an ancient religious custom, which has come down to us not only from a venerated ancestry, but through an observance of more than thirty centuries, I hereby appoint **FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH INSTANT**, to be a day of public Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer.

And that it may be duly observed as such, I invite the clergy of every religious denomination, and all the people of this State, to assemble on that day in their several places of public worship, and there, with devout supplication to Almighty God, and a deep sense of humiliation before His throne, bear the burden of contrite hearts and prayerful minds, to the end that we may obtain, through the Mediatorial Grace, reconciliation with Him who "knoweth our frame and remembereth that we are dust."

L. S. *Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at New Haven, this second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-third.*

JAMES E. ENGLISH.

By His Excellency's command,

LEVERETT E. PEASE, *Secretary of State.*