



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, ESQUIRE,**

*Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of CONNNECTICUT.*

# A PROCLAMATION.

*THROUGH* the various changing Seasons and Revolutions, which are constantly succeeding in the course of Events, it becomes a People, publickly to acknowledge the over-ruling Hand of Divine Providence, and their Dependence upon the Supreme Being, as their Creator and Merciful Preserver; to seek his Protection and gracious Influence and Guidance in the Paths of Religion and Virtue, and the Way that conduels to everlasting Felicity; and to implore the Pardon of all their Offences.

**I** HAVE therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint **THURSDAY** the **THIRTY-FIRST DAY** of **MARCH** instant, to be observed as a Day of **HUMILIATION, FASTING** and **PRAYER**, throughout this State; earnestly exhorting Ministers and People of all Denominations, to assemble for Religious Worship, and with becoming Humility and sincere Repentance to supplicate the Pardon of our manifold Offences and Iniquities, committed against the God of all Grace, and that we may obtain Forgiveness through the Merits and Mediation of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST: And also to offer up fervent Prayers to Almighty GOD; whose tender Mercies are on all his Works, graciously to bestow on the People of these United States the Blessings of Peace, and the beneficent Bounties of His Providence and Grace: Preserve the important Life of the President, direct the Federal Council in Congress assembled, to the wisest Measures for promoting the Happiness and Prosperity of our Nation: That it may graciously please Him to smile upon and bless the People of this State; give Wisdom, Integrity and Patriotism to our Rulers; perpetuate our Religious and Civil Liberties and Privileges; bless His sacred Ambassadors and abundantly succeed the Means of Grace; grant us Health in all our Dwellings; prosper us in our Agriculture, Trade, Navigation and Fishery, and in all the Labour of our Hands; and crown the Year with His Goodness; make the Seminaries and Schools for Education Nurseries of Virtue and useful Literature; extend of His Mercies to all People, and fill the World with the Knowledge and Glory of God.

*And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.*

*DONE* at the Council-Chamber in Hartford, the Ninth Day of March, in the Fifteenth Year of the Independence of the United States of America, Annoque Domini 1791.

**SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.**

By His Excellency's Command,  
GEORGE WYLLIS, Secy.