

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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America.

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

THE CONGRESS of the United States of America, by their Resolve of the eleventh Day of March last, having recommended in the following Words, *viz.*

*“ It having pleased the righteous Governor of the World, for the Punishment of our manifold
“ Offences, to permit the Sword of War still to harass our Country, it becomes us to endeavour, by
“ humbling ourselves before Him, and turning from every evil Way, to avert His Anger, and obtain
“ His Favour and Blessing :*

*“ It is therefore hereby recommended to the several States, That WEDNESDAY, the
“ twenty sixth Day of April next, be set apart and observed as a Day of FASTING, HUMILI-
“ ATION, and PRAYER ;—that we may, with one Heart and with one Voice, implore the Sovereign
“ Lord of Heaven and Earth to remember Mercy in his Judgments ;—to make us sincerely
“ penitent for our Transgressions ;—to prepare us for Deliverance, and to remove the Evils with
“ which He hath been pleased to visit us ;—to banish Vice and Irreligion from amongst us, and
“ establish Virtue and Piety by his Divine Grace ;—to bless all Councils throughout the United
“ States, giving them Wisdom, Firmness and Unanimity, and directing them to the best
“ Measures for the public Good ;—to bless the Magistrates and People of every Rank, and ani-
“ mate and unite the Hearts of all to promote the Interests of the Country ;—to bless the
“ public Defence, inspiring all Commanders and Soldiers with Magnanimity and Perseverance,
“ and giving Vigor and Success to the military Operations by Sea and Land ;—to bless the
“ illustrious Sovereign, and the Nation in Alliance with these States, and all who interest them-
“ selves in the Support of our Rights and Liberties ;—to make that Alliance of perpetual and
“ extensive Usefulness to those immediately concerned, and to Mankind in general ;—to
“ grant fruitful Seasons, and to bless our Industry, Trade and Manufactures ;—to bless all
“ Schools and Seminaries of Learning, and every Means of Instruction and Education ;—to
“ cause Wars to cease, and to establish Peace among the Nations.*

*“ And it is further recommended, That servile Labour and Recreations be forbidden on said
“ Day.”*

Therefore, I have thought fit to appoint, and, with the Advice of my Council, do hereby appoint, WEDNESDAY, the twenty-sixth Day of this instant April, to be observed by the Inhabitants of this State, as a Day of Public FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER ; not only in Respect of the above Recommendation of Congress, but likewise in humble Sense of the Duty of imploring the Mercy of the Glorious Creator and Governor of all Worlds, to grant the Forgiveness of all our Offences, and graciously to give his Protection, Support and Blessing to our future Exertions.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

*GIVEN under my Hand at Lebanon, this third Day of April, in the Year of
our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty.*

JONATH. TRUMBULL.