

BY THE HONORABLE

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GOVERNOR, AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF,  
IN, AND OVER HIS MAJESTY'S COLONY OF CONN-  
TICUT, IN NEW-ENGLAND, IN AMERICA.

# A PROCLAMATION FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.



Every Favor of Heaven, demands our sincere and cordial Gratitude; so, do more general and national Salvations justly challenge our most public and solemn Celebration of the Praise and Glory of God, the gracious Giver of all Mercies.

I have therefore thought fit, by, and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives, in General Court assembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, Thursday, the Seventeenth Day of November next, to be observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving throughout this Colony. Earnestly exhorting all his Majesty's Subjects, both Ministers and People, with becoming Devotion, religiously to observe the same, with publick Solemnity; rendering Praise to Almighty God, the Author of all our Blessings, and of all our Salvations, thro' the Riches of his Mercy in JESU; CHRIST.

Especially, for the Continuance of the precious Life of our most gracious Sovereign King GEORGE the Third; and the happy Prospect of the Protestant Succession in his illustrious House; and for the Continuance of the Lives of all the Royal Family. For our Deliverance from the Burthens and Calamities of a bloody and expensive War, by the Settlement of a glorious Peace. For the Enjoyment of our most valuable, civil and religious Privileges. For the general Health throughout the Land. For the great and uncommon Plenty of the precious Fruits of the Earth. And for all other unmerited Instances of divine Beneficence, more than may be reckoned up.

Also, to offer up fervent Prayers to God, for the King's most excellent Majesty; Our gracious Queen Charlotte; Their Royal Highnesses, George Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

That GOD would be pleased to establish the Throne of the King in Righteousness; make His Reign long and prosperous, and over-rule and order all the important Affairs of our Nation in Mercy; that the Peace may remain inviolate: The Rage and Cruelty of the Heathen be restrained, and they be disposed to Peace; and that the Gospel of Peace be sent and received among them, to general and saving Effect: That our large Experience of the Divine Goodness may lead us to unfeigned Repentance and Reformation: That this Colony, in all its important Interests, may share in the Protections of Heaven: And, that the Means of Grace and Education be happily succeeded, both here, and throughout the World, till the Earth be filled with the Glory of the Lord.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand at the Council-Chamber, in New-Haven, this 27th Day of October, in the IVth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the IIIrd, by the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, &c. Annoque Domini, 1763.

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