

Commonwealth of



Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**WILLIAM CLAFLIN,**

GOVERNOR:

# A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

**PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.**

The President has invited the people of the United States to celebrate the day usually set apart by the Executive of this Commonwealth as a season of Thanksgiving, in these words:—

*Whereas*, it behooves a people sensible of their dependence on the Almighty, publicly and collectively to acknowledge their gratitude for His favors and mercies, and humbly to beseech for their continuance; and,

*Whereas*, the people of the United States, during the year about to end, have special cause to be thankful for general prosperity, abundant harvests, exemption from pestilence, foreign war, and civil strife;

*Now, therefore*, be it known that I, ULYSSES S. GRANT, President of the United States, concurring in many similar recommendations from the Chief Magistrates of the United States, do hereby recommend to all citizens to meet in their respective places of worship on THURSDAY, the 24th day of November next, there to give thanks for the bounty of God during the year about to close, and to supplicate for its continuance hereafter.

In accordance with this appointment, and with the custom of the fathers, and by the advice and consent of the Council, I invite the people of the Commonwealth to observe THURSDAY, the twenty-fourth day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and the ninety-fifth of the Independence of the United States of America.

**WILLIAM CLAFLIN.**

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,  
WITH THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL, }

OLIVER WARNER, *Secretary.*

**God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**