

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation for "Thanksgiving Day"

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving Day was born out of the suffering and sorrows of our Pilgrim Fathers and has been observed, through the years since, as one of the great American religious holidays; and

WHEREAS, this day is the expression of a deep feeling of gratitude by our people for the rich productivity of the land, a reminder of the dangers and hardships through which we have safely passed, and a united recognition of all that God in His goodness has bestowed upon us; and

WHEREAS, the observance further reminds us of our good fortune in receiving the heritage of freedom and opportunity which is ours as American citizens; and of our obligation to preserve these gifts for posterity; and

WHEREAS, this Thanksgiving Day is of special significance to the State of Minnesota, now in her Centennial Year, and so it is appropriate that we express our prayers of appreciation for the guidance and protection of our Heavenly Father over the Commonwealth during the past one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, we have been richly blessed with a beautiful harvest this year, for which we are heartily grateful to Almighty God;

I, THOMAS W. WELLS, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 24, as

"THANKSGIVING DAY"

and urge all citizens to join in this observance by thoughtful prayer and thanksgiving and by dedication to the high ideals of our nation. I further urge that there be an appropriate display of the Flag of our Country and that each of us reaffirm our religious faith by attending and supporting the church or synagogue of his choice, in keeping with the spiritual meaning of this day.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine and of the State, the ninety-second.

Luther Welles
Governor

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W. M. Wells
Secretary of State

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