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PROCLAMATION

Hundreds of years ago a hearty band of Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving Day on the bleak banks of New England. Their first year in the New World had been full of new experiences. For the first time, they had crossed a turbulent ocean. For the first time, they had to patch together meager houses. For the first time, they had to subdue a strange and wild land. But most important to the Pilgrims, for the first time they had religious freedom. And the God they so earnestly sought and so willingly sacrificed to worship had watched over them and provided for them.

Hundreds of years have passed. And today we still have the Pilgrims dearly held freedom, the freedom to worship. Yet while all have the freedom to worship, many have lost the ability to worship, some have forgotten the reason to worship. Let this Thanksgiving Day be a day not only of thanks, but thought.

Let us remember the God who protected and provided for the Pilgrims is with us yet. Let us remember that we have even more reason to be thankful than the Pilgrims, for our affluence and abundance is vastly greater than theirs. And let us not forget that in God is our only strength and security.

Therefore, I, Harold LeVander, proclaim November 23, 1967, as Thanksgiving Day in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesotans

- to attend their respective Houses of Worship,
- to humbly acknowledge their dependance on a Divine Being,
- to sincerely ask His forgiveness for our many ingratitude and failures,
- to gratefully thank Him for His great goodness to our Nation and our People and
- to earnestly pray for His continued blessings and guidance.

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-first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and of the State, the one hundred tenth.

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

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