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

On the last Thursday of this month, one hundred and thirty-one years will have expired since the observance of the day which was first assigned by the President's proclamation for public thanksgiving and prayer. At that time Thanksgiving Day was especially designated to acknowledge as a favor of Almighty God the opportunity of the people of that generation "to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

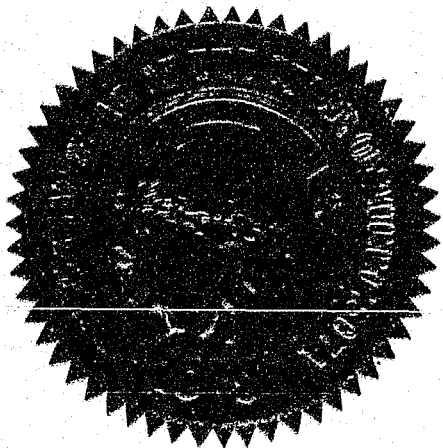
The date of the day set aside this year for prayer and thanksgiving will be the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first exploring party of the Pilgrims, who, on November twenty-fifth, 1620, left the Mayflower to penetrate the wilderness over which, more than a century and a half later, was to be established that government whose formation and benefits inspired the issuance of the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation.

While we should on the day so designated, pray for the future of our land and express our great gratitude for its present prosperity and the many blessings we now enjoy, we should also have in mind the original purpose of the Holiday as disclosed by the first national Thanksgiving Day proclamation and especially in this year, should we hold in as many places as possible, fitting exercises in commemoration of the settlement of the Pilgrims whose lives and principles have been of such great influence on our national life and ideals.

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It is well that we, of this generation, who are building upon the foundations left by the Pilgrim Fathers as a heritage to us, should express to God our gratitude for their religious and heroic spirit, for the freedom they loved and secured and for the preservation and growth of the government which they and their descendants did so much to establish.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph A. A. Burnquist, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the twenty-fifth of this month as a day of Thanksgiving and urge that upon that day the citizens of our State join in services indicative of their gratitude and of their religious and patriotic devotion, thanking the Creator for the many gifts he has bestowed upon our commonwealth and country and praying for that divine guidance and wisdom which shall make of this Nation a blessing to all people.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this 15th day of November, 1920.

*Joseph A. A. Burnquist*  
Governor of Minnesota.

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Attest:

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Secretary of State.

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