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

On November 25, 1620, the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. It is a significant coincidence that this year, three hundred six years after the arrival of the Mayflower, the day appointed by law and proclaimed by the President of the United States for prayer and thanksgiving should fall on the exact date which signalizes the beginning of liberty in America. Should not this coincidence serve to call to our attention the patriotic significance of Thanksgiving Day?

It is well to be thankful for such measure of prosperity as we enjoy; for natural resources, for harvests garnered and wealth attained. But should we not miss much of the meaning of Thanksgiving Day were we to be thankful for material blessings only? The great values of America are, after all, spiritual, not material. They are not in mines and fields and industries, although we have these in abundance. They are rather in a finer conception of the worth of the human personality, in a more generous recognition of human rights and a correspondingly greater emphasis on human duty; for these are the elements of liberty.

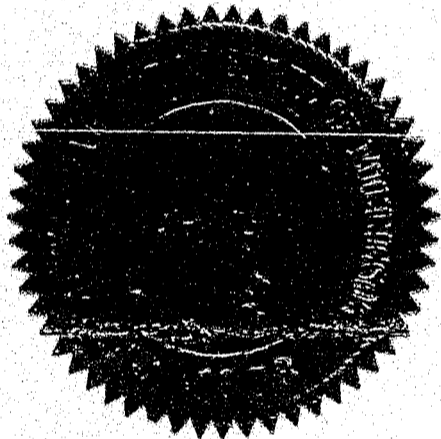
In what may be regarded as the first national Thanksgiving proclamation, on October 3, 1789, George Washington emphasized the patriotic significance of Thanksgiving Day. He recommended "to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Alexander Hamilton stressed the same thought when he declared that "the President of the United States should issue a yearly proclamation calling upon the nation to devote a certain

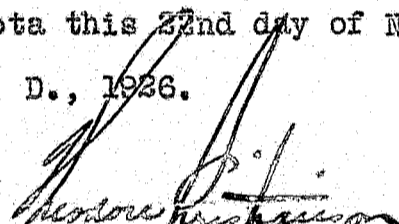
day to thanking the Creator for the formation and benefits of such a country as this."

Let us make Thanksgiving Day this year a day, not for expressing our gratitude for material things only, but more especially for rededicating ourselves to service of our country, to promotion of the welfare of its people; to perpetuating, strengthening and extending their liberty, and enlarging and securing their happiness.

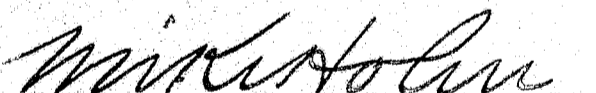
Let us on this year's Thanksgiving Day fly the flag of the Republic in pride and exultation; but also in solemn pledge of our prayerful purpose to match every requirement which citizenship imposes, with loyal and devoted service.



GIVEN Under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota this 22nd day of November, A. D., 1926.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:

  
Secretary of State.

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