

Original Proclamation for a  
Day of Public Humiliation,  
Fasting and Prayer.  
March 9, 1842.



ers; - Humiliation, fasting and prayer, become a matter, not only of obvious propriety, but of moral necessity. -

At the opening season of the year also, how forcibly are we reminded of our dependence; and of the indispensableness of God's blessing to crown our various labors and enterprises with success.

Well may we therefore, while humbly acknowledging past errors and seeking their forgiveness, unitedly present our supplications to the Throne of Grace for all needed future good.

In accordance therefore, with a long established and venerated custom, I have appointed, by the advice of the Executive Council, Thursday, the seventh day of April next, as a day for public humiliation, fasting and prayer. And the good people of this State are requested to assemble, on that day, in their respective places of public worship, for the usual religious services of the occasion; and to abstain from all labor and recreation inconsistent therewith.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Augusta, the ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-two, and in the sixty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

Wm Fairfield

By the Governor:

Philip C. Johnson,

Secretary of State.





State of Maine.

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There is a beautiful propriety in the observance of customs instituted by our Pilgrim Fathers, independently of their object. It may be regarded as a respectful and affectionate tribute to their memory - and as tending to keep bright some of the interesting links, that connect us with those remarkably endowed and noble men.

Our annual fast, however, involves additional & higher considerations. When we reflect upon our manifold sins - how far we fall short of a faithful fulfillment of the duties and obligations resulting from our relation to God, and which the reception and enjoyment of His blessings impose upon us, we see abundant cause for deep humility, sincere penitence and need of Divine forgiveness.