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Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The usual light-hearted rejoicing of the harvest time has given place to a serious mood before unknown to this generation of Americans. At this season of family reunions thousands of homes are oppressed by dread of what the near future may hold for absent loved ones.

Yet thru the gloom of world-wide strife and above our own national peril appear abundant reasons for giving thanks to the Divine Being Whose mercy endureth forever.

For His Providence that established us in a goodly heritage on this new continent and guided us thru the many perils of our history; for our free institutions and the inheritance of ideals more precious than life; for present security from the indescribable horror and devastation of hostile invasion; for abundant harvests allowing us to minister to the desperate needs of oppressed and famished peoples in other lands; for the generous response of our people to the appeal of charity and mercy; for the call to world-wide service and the answering spirit of devotion and self sacrifice among our people, it is our duty to devote a day to the public expression of our gratitude to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Therefore I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate Thursday, November twenty-ninth, nineteen seventeen, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.

And while we thus render thanks let us devoutly and humbly implore the blessing of Almighty God upon our State and Nation.

Let us commend to His care those who have gone beyond the seas to fight our battles and seek His comfort for those at home who may become widows and orphans and the mothers who may be called upon to give their sons. Let us beseech Him that He may further encourage our
hearts and strengthen our hands and that in due time the tumult of war may cease and peace with honor and liberty and security may be vouchsafed to all mankind.

Done at the Executive Chamber in the State House at Augusta, on the twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventeen, of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second and of the State of Maine the ninety-seventh.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed.

By the Governor

[Signature]

Secretary of State
Proclamation

Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 29, 1917.

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