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**PENNSYLVANIA, ss:**

*In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

**ANDREW G. CURTIN,**  
GOVERNOR OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH:

**PROCLAMATION.**

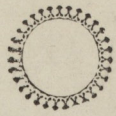
WHEREAS, Every good gift is from above and comes down to us from the ALMIGHTY, to whom it is meet, right and the bounden duty of every PEOPLE to render THANKS for His mercies; Therefore I,

ANDREW G. CURTIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Do recommend to the PEOPLE of this COMMONWEALTH, that they set apart

**Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November next,**

As a day of solemn THANKSGIVING to GOD, for having prepared our Corn and watered our Furrows, and blessed the labors of the Husbandman, and crowned the year with His goodness, in the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, so that our barns are filled with plenty: AND for having looked favorably on this COMMONWEALTH and strengthened the bars of her gates and blessed the Children within her, and made men to be of one mind, and preserved PEACE in her borders; BESEECHING HIM also, on behalf of these UNITED STATES, that our beloved COUNTRY may have deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith she is compassed, and that HE will mercifully still the outrage of perverse, violent, unruly and rebellious People, and make them clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within them, and give them GRACE that they may see the error of their ways and bring forth fruits meet for repentance, and hereafter, in all godliness and honesty, obediently walk in His Holy Commandments, and in submission to the just and manifest authority of the REPUBLIC, so that WE, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may continually offer unto HIM our sacrifice of PRAISE and THANKSGIVING.



GIVEN under my HAND and the GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE, at HARRISBURG, this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and of the COMMONWEALTH the eighty-sixth.

**A. G. CURTIN.**

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**ELI SLIFER,**  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



His Excellency  
The Governor of Texas  
Austin  
Texas