

walter a kehowski wrote:

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>Thanksgiving Day Proclamation of 1789

>by President George Washington

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>Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty

>God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore

>His protection and favor, and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their

>joint committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States

>a day of public thanks giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging

>with grateful hearts the many single favors of Almighty God, especially by

>affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government

>for their safety and happiness.

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>Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November

>next to be devoted by the People of these States to the Service of that great

>and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was,

>that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him

>our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the People

>of this country previous to their becoming a Nation, for the single and manifold

>mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced

>in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility,

>union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational

>manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government

>for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately

>instituted, of the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed,

>and the means we have to acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and in

>general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to

>confer upon us.

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>And also that we may then unite in most humble offering our prayers and supplications

>to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national

>and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private

>stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually,

>to render our national government a blessing to all people, by constantly

>being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and

>faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide all Sovereigns and nations

>(especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good

>government, peace and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true

>religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us, and generally

>to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone

>know to be best.

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>[I apologize if I preempted The Diversity Office in posting this.]

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