

# THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR



THE element of gratitude is and should be a distinguishing trait of all enlightened people. "No man liveth to himself" and so long as there is mutual dependence so long will the human heart respond to benefits received. But there are higher duties and higher obligations than those based on temporal affairs. As a people we recognize that from the Almighty proceedeth "every good and perfect gift," and it is but fitting that the deepest gratitude of which we are capable should find expression to Him both in private devotion and in public service.

The custom of setting apart a special day of thanksgiving for the mercies of the year is a fixed institution with the American people. The recurring season reminds us of bountiful harvests garnered, of general prosperity, of freedom from pestilence, of contentment and happiness around every hearthstone and of peace at home and abroad. For these and for all other blessings we are profoundly grateful.

In harmony, therefore, with the action taken by the President of the United States, I, John H. Mickey, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby designate

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1904,

as a day of general thanksgiving. Let the people of Nebraska carry out the true spirit of the occasion and let them assemble in their homes and in their churches, there to render the homage of grateful hearts for the manifold blessings received, and let them pledge themselves anew to the cause of righteous government and to all influences that make for a purer and better citizenship.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State.

Done at Lincoln this 12th day of November, A. D. 1904.

JOHN H. MICKEY,

BY THE GOVERNOR:

GEO. W. MARSH,  
*Secretary of State.*

By FRED W. MILLER,  
*Deputy Secretary of State.*

