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By
The united States in Congress assembled.

Proclamation.

At all Times it is our Duty to acknowledge the Over-ruling Providence of the Great Governor of the Universe, and devoutly to implore his divine favour and Protection; But in the Hour of Calamity and impending Danger, when by fire and the Sword, by the Savages of the Wilderness, and by our own Domestics, a vindictive Enemy pursues a War of Rapine and devastation with unrelenting Fury: We are peculiarly excited with true Penitence of Heart to prostrate ourselves before our great Creator, and fervently to supplicate his gracious Interposition for our deliverance.

The united States in Congress assembled, therefore do earnestly recommend, that Thursday the third day of May next may be observed as a day of Humiliation, fasting and Prayer, that we may with united Hearts confess and bewail our manifold Sins and Transgressions, and by sincere Repentance and Amendment of Life appease his righteous displeasure, and through the Merits of our blessed Saviour obtain pardon and forgiveness; That it may please him to inspire our Rulers with Wisdom, and incorruptible Integrity and to direct and prosper their Council; to inspire all our Citizens with a fervent and disinterested Love of their Country and to preserve and strengthen their Union; to turn the Hearts of the disaffected, or to frustrate their Devices; to regard with divine Compassion our friends in Captivity, Affliction and distress, to comfort and relieve them under their Sufferings, and to change their Mourning into grateful Songs of Triumph; That it may please him to bless our Ally, and to render the Connection formed between the united States and his Kingdoms, a mutual and lasting Benefit to both Nations; to animate our Officers and forces by Sea and Land with invincible

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