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[Thanksgiving Day Declaration]

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THANKSGIVING DAY--1936

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November 1936, as a day of national thanksgiving.

The observance of a day of general thanksgiving by all the people is a practice peculiarly our own, hallowed by usage in the days before we were a nation and sanctioned through succeeding years.

Having safely passed through ~~many~~ <sup>right</sup> troubled ~~quarters~~ <sup>periods</sup>, it is our ~~bounden~~ <sup>duty</sup> to express our gratitude that Divine Providence has vouchsafed us wisdom and courage to overcome adversity. Our free institutions, ~~under which marvelous progress has been made,~~ have been maintained with no abatement of our ~~complete~~ <sup>firm</sup> faith in their ~~value~~ <sup>value</sup> and ~~permanence~~ <sup>permanence</sup>. In our relations with other ~~countries~~ <sup>peoples</sup> we are ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> standing aloof but ~~are constantly making~~ <sup>make</sup> a resolute effort to promote international ~~friendships~~ <sup>friendships</sup> and, by the avoidance ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~discouragement~~ <sup>discouragement</sup> of ~~states~~ <sup>ships</sup> of every ~~character,~~ <sup>kind</sup> to further world peace, prosperity, and happiness.

Coupled with our grateful acknowledgment of the blessings ~~that~~ it has been our high privilege to enjoy,

