

PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION 4170

Thanksgiving Day, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

November 17, 1972

A Proclamation

When the first settlers gathered to offer their thanks to the God who had protected them on the edge of a wilderness, they established anew on American shores a thanksgiving tradition as old as Western man himself.

From Moses at the Red Sea to Jesus preparing to feed the multitudes, the Scriptures summon us to words and deeds of gratitude, even before divine blessings are fully perceived. From Washington kneeling at Valley Forge to the prayer of an astronaut circling the moon, our own history repeats that summons and proves its practicality.

Today, in an age of too much fashionable despair, the world more than ever needs to hear America's perennial harvest message: "Take heart! Give thanks! To see clearly about us is to rejoice; and to rejoice is to worship the Father; and to worship Him is to receive more blessings still."

At this Thanksgiving time our country can look back with special gratitude across the events of a year which has brought more progress toward lasting peace than any other year for a generation past; and we can look forward with trust in Divine Providence toward the opportunities which peace will bring.

Truly our cup runs over with the bounty of God—our lives, our liberties, and our loved ones; our worldly goods and our spiritual heritage; the beauty of our land, the breadth of our horizons, and the promise of peace that crowns it all. For all of this, let us now humbly give thanks.

80 Stat. 515;
82 Stat. 250.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in consonance with Section 6103 of Title 5 of the United States Code designating the fourth Thursday of November in each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 23, 1972, as a day of national thanksgiving. I call upon all Americans to assemble in homes and places of worship on this day, to join in offering gratitude for the countless blessings our people enjoy, and to embrace the elderly and less fortunate as special celebrants in the day's events, loving them as we have been loved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



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National Farm-City Week, 1972

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The breadwinners of our national family—those whose hard work helps to provide the rest of us with food to eat and clothes to wear—are America's nearly 3 million farmers.

American agriculture leads our own economy and the world in productivity. The bounty of our farms is an indispensable element in the steadily rising standard of living for our cities—indeed for every American community large or small. This is the strong bond of interdependence and mutual benefit which links farm people to city people throughout this country, and to peoples in other countries all over the globe, wherever the agricultural exports of our heartland alleviate hunger and so promote the cause of peace.

National Farm-City Week is an occasion for wider recognition of this interdependence and for new efforts to increase cooperation between farm and city people. It is a time for renewal of our commitment to balanced national growth and to assuring the farmer of a fair share in the national prosperity to which he contributes so much.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week of November 17 through November 23, 1972, as National Farm-City Week. I encourage all citizens, especially leaders of agricultural organizations,