

[No. 19.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

October 29, 1900.

A PROCLAMATION.

It has pleased Almighty God to bring our nation in safety and honor through another year. The works of religion and charity have everywhere been manifest. Our country through all its extent has been blessed with abundant harvests. Labor and the great industries of the people have prospered beyond all precedent. Our commerce has spread over the world. Our power and influence in the cause of freedom and enlightenment have extended over distant seas and lands. The lives of our official representatives and many of our people in China have been marvelously preserved. We have been generally exempt from pestilence and other great calamities; and even the tragic visitation which overwhelmed the City of Galveston made evident the sentiments of sympathy and Christian charity by virtue of which we are one united people.

Preamble.

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 29th of November next, to be observed by all the people of the United States, at home or abroad, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Him who holds the nations in the hollow of His hand. I recommend that they gather in their several places of worship and devoutly give Him thanks for the prosperity wherewith He has endowed us, for seed-time and harvest, for the valor, devotion and humanity of our armies and navies, and for all His benefits to us as individuals and as a nation; and that they humbly pray for the continuance of His Divine favor, for concord and amity with other nations, and for righteousness and peace in all our ways.

November 29, 1900,  
set apart as a day of  
national thanksgiving.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 29th day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and of the [SEAL.] independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY

By the President:

JOHN HAY

*Secretary of State.*

[No. 20.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

February 23, 1901.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas public interests require that the Senate of the United States be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive:

Convening special  
session of the Senate.

Now, Therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the 4th day of March next,

at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the 23rd day of February in the year of Our Lord  
 [SEAL.] one thousand nine hundred and one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY

By the President:

JOHN HAY  
*Secretary of State.*

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[No. 21.]

March 14, 1901.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, March 14th, 1901.

*To the People of the United States:*

Death of Benjamin  
 Harrison.

Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States from 1889 to 1893, died yesterday at 4:45 P. M., at his home in Indianapolis. In his death the country has been deprived of one of its greatest citizens. A brilliant soldier in his young manhood, he gained fame and rapid advancement by his energy and valor. As a lawyer he rose to be a leader of the bar. In the Senate he at once took and retained high rank as an orator and legislator; and in the high office of President he displayed extraordinary gifts as administrator and statesman. In public and in private life he set a shining example for his countrymen.

In testimony of the respect in which his memory is held by the Government and people of the United States, I do hereby direct that the flags on the Executive Mansion and the several Departmental buildings be displayed at half staff for a period of thirty days; and that suitable military and naval honors, under the orders of the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, be rendered on the day of the funeral.

Done at the City of Washington this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and of  
 [SEAL.] the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY

By the President:

JOHN HAY  
*Secretary of State.*