

[No. 7.]

October 25, 1899.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

## A PROCLAMATION:

Preamble.

A national custom dear to the hearts of the people calls for the setting apart of one day in each year as an occasion of special thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the preceding year. This honored observance acquires with time a tenderer significance. It enriches domestic life. It summons under the family roof the absent children to glad reunion with those they love.

Seldom has this Nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our shores. Liberal employment waits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the efforts of the husbandmen. Increased comforts have come to the home. The national finances have been strengthened, and public credit has been sustained and made firmer. In all branches of industry and trade there has been an unequalled degree of prosperity, while there has been a steady gain in the moral and educational growth of our national character. Churches and schools have flourished. American patriotism has been exalted. Those engaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been in a large degree spared from disaster and disease. An honorable peace has been ratified with a foreign nation with which we were at war, and we are now on friendly relations with every power of earth.

The trust which we have assumed for the benefit of the people of Cuba has been faithfully advanced. There is marked progress toward the restoration of healthy industrial conditions, and under wise sanitary regulations the island has enjoyed unusual exemption from the scourge of fever. The hurricane which swept over our new possession of Porto Rico, destroying the homes and property of the inhabitants, called forth the instant sympathy of the people of the United States, who were swift to respond with generous aid to the sufferers. While the insurrection still continues in the island of Luzon, business is resuming its activity, and confidence in the good purposes of the United States is being rapidly established throughout the archipelago.

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set apart as a day of  
national thanksgiving.

For these reasons and countless others, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby name Thursday, the thirtieth day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed as such by all our people on this continent and in our newly acquired islands, as well as those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands; and I advise that on this day religious exercises shall be conducted in the churches or meeting-places of all denominations, in order that in the social features of the day its real significance may not be lost sight of, but fervent prayers may be offered to the Most High for a continuance of the Divine Guidance without which man's efforts are vain, and for Divine consolation to those whose kindred and friends have sacrificed their lives for country.

I recommend also that on this day so far as may be found practicable labor shall cease from its accustomed toil and charity abound toward the sick, the needy and the poor.

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

Done at the City of Washington this 25th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-  
[SEAL.] nine, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fourth.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY

By the President:

JOHN HAY

*Secretary of State.*

[No. 8.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

November 10, 1899.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, by joint resolution "to provide for annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States", approved July 7, 1898, the cession by the government of the Republic of Hawaii to the United States of America, of all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over the Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies, and the transfer to the United States of the absolute fee and ownership of all public, government or crown lands, public buildings, or edifices, ports, harbors, military equipment, and all other public property of every kind and description belonging to the government of the Hawaiian Islands, was duly accepted, ratified, and confirmed, and the said Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies annexed as a part of the territory of the United States and made subject to the sovereign dominion thereof, and all and singular the property and rights hereinbefore mentioned vested in the United States of America; and

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Whereas, it was further provided in said resolution that the existing laws of the United States relative to public lands shall not apply to such lands in the Hawaiian Islands, but the Congress of the United States shall enact special laws for their management and disposition; and

Whereas, it is deemed necessary in the public interests that certain lots and plats of land in the City of Honolulu be immediately reserved for naval purposes;

Now Therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby declare, proclaim, and make known that the following described lots or plats of land be and the same are hereby, subject to such legislative action as the Congress of the United States may take with respect thereto, reserved for naval purposes, to wit:

Hawaiian Islands.  
Reservation of land  
for naval purposes.

1st. Esplanade lots Nos. 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 and 99. Beginning at the South corner of Richards Street and Halekauwila Street, which point is S. 30° 25' E., 343.6 feet from the East corner of the Hawaiian Electric Company building and run by the true Meridian:

S. 30° 25' E. 304.50 feet along Halekauwila St.

S. 56° 49' W. 100.12 feet along Mililani St.

N. 30° 25' W. 300.60 feet along Government Lots Nos. 112-100.

N. 54° 34' E. 100.38 feet along Richards St. to the initial point.  
Area 30,255 Sq. Feet.

2nd. Esplanade lots Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 68. Beginning at the North corner of Alakea Street and Allen Street, as shown on Government Survey's Registered Map No. 1867 and running by true bearings:

N. 30° 25' W. 200 feet along the Northeast side of Allen Street.

N. 59° 35' E. 150 feet along the Southeast side of Kilauea Street.

S. 30° 25' E. 200 feet along Lots 62 and 69.

S. 59° 35' W. 150 feet along the Northwest side of Alakea Street to the initial point. Area 30,000 Sq. feet.

3rd. Lot at East corner of Mililani and Halekauwila Streets. Beginning at the East corner of Halekauwila and Mililani Streets, as shown on Government Survey's Registered Map No. 1955, and running by true bearings:

N. 56° 49' E. 110.5 feet along Mililani Street.

S. 3° 52' E. 69.5 feet along inner line of Waikahalulu Water Lots.

S. 56° 49' W. 79.5 feet along Bishop Estate Land.

N. 30° 25' W. 60.5 feet along Halekauwila Street to the initial point.  
Area 5,728 Square feet.