

# State of Maine

by the Governor

## A PROCLAMATION

for a day of

### Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer

By advice of the Council, I appoint Thursday, the tenth of April next, for Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

And going up to our Religious Temples, may we on that day worship Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in the simplicity of conscious dependence, in the integrity of peaceful trust, and in the beauty of holiness, thus testifying by our public example, as well as in our private communings, that our strength and reliance are in Him.

While our lives have been upheld by His power and blessed by His love, they have too often borne the bitter fruits of weakness, insincerity, and uncharitableness.

Let us make use of this occasion to take account of our deeds, purposes and thoughts;

That if we have done aught unjust or unkind to our neighbor, we may hasten to undo the wrong, if possible, and at all events to make suitable and cheerful reparation:

And that if we have contemplated any evil doing, any crime or sin against God, or the least of His children, any neglect or injury to our country in the hour of her deep calamity, we may banish every such purpose from our minds, and displace every unworthy motive, every unhallowed desire by the consecration of Duty and Charity in our hearts.

*Given at the Council Chamber, at Augusta, this seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and in the eighty-sixth of the Independence of the United States.*

ISRAEL WASHBURN, Jr.

By the Governor:

JOSEPH B. Hall, Secretary of State.