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Mayor

A THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

MAYOR FRANCIS H. DUEHAY

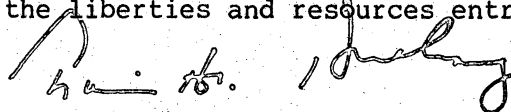
The first proclamation of an independent legislature in America was a call by the Provincial Congress, gathered in the meeting house of the First Church in Cambridge, October 22, 1774, to "render Thanks to Almighty God for all the Blessings we enjoy." Days of public thanksgiving were kept by our earliest churches and have been proclaimed by successive Presidents of the United States of America.

As Mayor of the historic city of Cambridge, I hereby endorse and encourage "the several Religious Assemblies" of our cities and our citizens to keep the nationally designated day of Thursday, November 27, 1980, as "a Day of Thanksgiving," . . . "as also to implore the Divine Blessing upon us, that by the Assistance of (God's) grace we may be enabled to reform whatever is amiss among us."

Thanksgiving services this year, open to the public, are offered by the Central Square Ministers Association for Sunday, November 23, 3:00 P.M. at the Salvation Army Citadel, 402 Massachusetts Avenue and by the Harvard Square Ministers Association, Wednesday, November 26, 7:30 P.M., at the Cambridge Friends Meeting House, Longfellow Park.

I encourage all citizens of Cambridge to attend these ecumenical services on November 23 and November 26 to give thanks for our manifold blessings.

Further, I invite and encourage the clergy associations and religious assemblies of our city to plan and provide an occasion of ecumenical and public thanksgiving for the benefit of interested citizens in the year ahead. We have much for which to be grateful. May we also be found responsible stewards of the liberties and resources entrusted to us.



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Quotations from the First Public Declaration by
the Provincial Congress meeting in Cambridge,
October 22, 1774.

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to ecumenical services for the celebration
of Thanksgiving.

In City Council,

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