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A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Thanksgiving Day)

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is an American way of rendering gratitude for the bounties of God, and

WHEREAS, the long tradition of Thanksgiving calls for the fortunate to help the unfortunate at this time of celebration, and

WHEREAS, the United States lies undevastated while the ravages of war have left millions homeless and and suffering for want of food, and

WHEREAS, bumper crops in America in the face of serious shortages and continued malnutrition in many countries of Europe and Asia should make Americans pause for serious weighing of their actions, and

WHEREAS, it lies within our power to succor the hungry through the medium of overseas relief agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby urge that all citizens, churches and friends of voluntary relief agencies of this State give the equivalent of their Thanksgiving dinner to the relief agency of their churches for transmitting hope and courage to those in such desperate straits overseas.

Given under my hand and seal
this 19th day of November in
the year of our Lord, nineteen
hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor