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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING 2022 PROCLAMATION



"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

*-Edward Winslow (1595-1655)
Mayflower Pilgrim*

Our plenty includes abundant words of wisdom, wonder, blessing and gratitude from ancient peoples across the continent. Share these words, borrowed from myriad traditions, as an expression of thanksgiving for the hospitality and generosity of generations.

Sometimes I go about pitying myself and all the while I am being carried across the sky by beautiful clouds.

— Ojibway

In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

— Iroquois

Before eating, always take time to thank the food.

— Arapaho

Always assume your guest is tired, cold, and hungry, and act accordingly.

— Navajo

Let us know peace.

For as long as the moon shall rise,
For as long as the rivers shall flow,
For as long as the sun shall shine,
For as long as the grass shall grow,
Let us know peace.

— Cheyenne Prayer

It is no longer good enough to cry peace, we must act peace, live peace and live in peace.

— Shenandoah

Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.

-1 Samuel 25:6 NIV