

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 22, November 18, 1945 ]**

**DESIGNATING THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND OF NOVEMBER, 1945, AS A DAY OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING**

WHEREAS, the people of the Philippines traditionally observe a day of national thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, our gratitude to Divine Providence in this, the year of our liberation from direct oppression, is fervent and deep;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November twenty-second, nineteen hundred and forty-five, as a day of thanksgiving in the Philippines.

Having passed through three bitter years of fire and blood and preserved an abiding faith in God and our destiny as a nation, remaining loyal to our ideals and institutions, we have emerged, spiritually, if not materially, the stronger for the test.

We have deepened our understanding and our sense of unity and social responsibility, and may meet with fortitude the tasks which confront us.

Not only do we once again live in freedom and at peace, but we have been privileged to make important advances preparatory to the work of reconstruction.

Let us then, on the day appointed, each in his own way, but together as a people, repair to our respective, altars and houses of worship to offer our thanks to Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at Honolulu, Hawaii, this 18th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:  
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**  
Secretary to the President

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