

respective places of worship to testify in the most public manner  
their veneration for his memory, and to derive from the just  
contemplation of his meritorious services the best motives for the  
imitation of his virtues; and whereas I entirely accord with the  
honorable Legislature in the measure proposed and am anxious  
to cooperate with them in paying this tribute of grateful re-  
spect to the merits and long tried patriotism of our Deceased  
Worthy Citizen, I have therefore thought proper to recommend  
and advise and do hereby recommend and advise that the  
Eleventh day of February next be observed throughout this  
State as a Day mourning humiliation and prayer for the  
Deceased, that the Citizens on that day go into mourning  
and abstaining as far as may be from their secular occu-  
pations, devote the time to the sacred duties of religion,  
that they call to mind the virtues, public services and  
unshaken patriotism of the Deceased and admiring  
endeavour to emulate them, that they implore the most  
high God to supply his loss by inspiring with a love of  
true liberty and pure religion, and by dispensing the  
blessings of peace and knowledge throughout the Land,  
and he would grant to the people of the United States  
the wisdom and virtues of a Washington may never cease  
to influence and direct our public Councils.

Given in Council at the city of Annapolis under  
the Seal of the State of Maryland this eighteenth  
Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred and ninety nine

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By the Governor  
Kinian Antoney  
Clerk to the Governor  
and Council