## PROCLAIMING A DAY OF THANKSGIVING

## **NOVEMBER 24, 2016**

- WHEREAS: The first European settlers were called Pilgrims and came to the eastern shores of this great land in 1620, and;
- WHEREAS: Their express purpose was to find a place of peace and a place to be free to worship according to the dictates of their own conscience in conformity to the Holy Bible, and;
- WHEREAS: Their own stated purpose was to establish 'a city on a hill' that would draw others to the same promise of liberty and fellowship, and;
- WHEREAS: During the hardships of the first winters in a new land they were blessed to receive assistance much needed from native peoples, and;
- WHEREAS: In recognition of that assistance and to express ad true desire to live in harmony and right relationship with the local native people they called for a day of Thanksgiving, and;
- WHEREAS: Now for many years and forever going forward that spirit of Thanksgiving to God for the successful establishment of their dreams of freedom from the oppressions of European dominance of religious belief, therefore;

BE IT KNOWN that the Stevens County Commissioners call for the solemn observance of a Day of Thanksgiving in Stevens County this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Don Dashiell, Chairman

Commissioner Wes McCart

Commissioner Steve Parker

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an Clerk of the Board