

THE  
**LINCOLN LOG**  
*ON THIS DAY,*

OCTOBER 3, 1863

President Lincoln issues a proclamation “invit[ing] my fellow citizens...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” Lincoln asks Americans to remember “all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged.” Lincoln seeks divine intervention “to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it...to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.”



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