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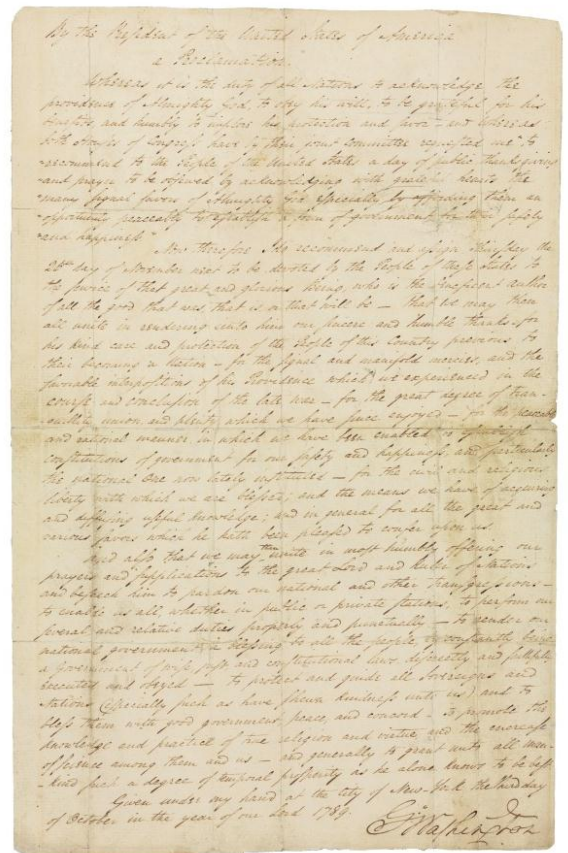
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ORIGINAL THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION TO BE SOLD AT CHRISTIE'S ON NOVEMBER 14

ESTIMATE: \$8- 12 MILLION

New York – On November 14, in a special single-lot evening sale, Christie's New York is honored to offer a proclamation signed by George Washington on October 3, 1789 establishing the first federal Thanksgiving Day, called for the last Thursday of November (estimate: \$8-12 million). This sale, which follows a national tour*, offers a unique opportunity to acquire a foundational document in the history of our great national tradition of Thanksgiving.

Excerpts of the Proclamation include:

- *By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation...*
- *...both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer...*
- *Now therefore do I recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being... That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for... the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge...*



A close-up photograph of the signature "G. Washington" on the original Thanksgiving Proclamation. The signature is written in a fluid, cursive hand in dark ink on aged paper.

*THE THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION EXHIBITION SCHEDULE:

October 17–18

Christie's Beverly Hills
9601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 520
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

October 22

Harlan Crow Library
4700 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75205

October 24

Christie's Chicago
875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

October 30

Massachusetts Historical Society
1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215

November 4

The Jefferson
1200 16th St NW Washington, DC 20036

November 5

National Constitution Center
525 Arch Street, Independence Mall,
Philadelphia, PA 19106

November 8–14

Christie's New York
20 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020



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