

## PROCLAMATION.

The Nation mourns a Patriot gone. The murder of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, late President of the United States, by the assassin's hand, was a direct blow, not only at the head of the Nation, but at each individual citizen. He who was selected by the people to rule over them has been stricken down in the faithful performance of his weighty trust. What so grievous a dispensation of the Almighty may portend, we finite creatures may little divine, but may hope that the Great Giver of all good hath yet much in store for us, and it is meet and proper we should wait upon Him; that we should publicly acknowledge His almighty, power recognize His omniscient wisdom, and express our firm reliance upon His omnipresent providence. In view of these duties at such a period and as a fitting testimonial that we sincerely join in the general griefs which pervades the Nation at this dire National calamity, I Elwood Evans, Acting Governor of the Territory of Washington, have set apart Thursday, the 11th day of May, 1865, as a day of humiliation and prayer, and earnestly invoke its due and general observance through the Territory.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Territory of Washington to be affixed. Done at Olympia, this 19th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty five and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth.

**ELWOOD EVANS**