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DATE: November 13, 2019

TO: Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

SUBJECT: Governor Proclaims Legal Holidays

Gov. John Bel Edwards has proclaimed the dates below as legal state holidays:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – see attached Proclamation No. 170 JBE 2019.
- Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – see attached Proclamation No. 171 JBE 2019.

Sincerely,

s/Byron P. Decoteau, Jr.
State Civil Service Director

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 170 JBE 2019

LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 1:55(A) and (B)(1)(a), Wednesday, December 25, 2019, is a legal holiday and a day of rest in the State of Louisiana observed by the departments of the State;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 1:55(B)(3) empowers the Governor to authorize, by Executive Proclamation, the observance by the departments of the State of other holidays and half-holidays that the Governor deems in keeping with efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Louisiana and the officers and employees of the departments of the State will benefit from an additional legal holiday during a period when families traditionally gather together to remember their blessings and promote family values.

NOW THEREFORE I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Tuesday, December 24, 2019 is declared a legal holiday in the State of Louisiana and shall be observed as a day of rest.

SECTION 2: Insofar as practicable, the appointing authorities and/or heads of all institutions, offices and departments of the State (hereafter “appointing authority”) shall permit the officers and employees under their control to observe Tuesday, December 24, 2019 as a day of rest. Nonetheless, an appointing authority shall have discretion to require said officers and/or employees to work on the holiday when, in the appointing authority’s judgment, it is required for the efficient administration of a state facility, the operation of which is necessary and indispensable to the citizens of the State.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of November, 2019.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 171 JBE 2019

LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 1:55(A) and (B)(1)(a), Wednesday, January 1, 2020, is a legal holiday and a day of rest in the State of Louisiana observed by the departments of the State;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 1:55(B)(3) empowers the Governor to authorize, by Executive Proclamation, the observance by the departments of the State of other holidays and half-holidays that the Governor deems in keeping with efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Louisiana and the officers and employees of the departments of the State will benefit from an additional legal holiday during a period when families traditionally gather together to remember their blessings and promote family values.


NOW THEREFORE I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 is declared a legal holiday in the State of Louisiana and shall be observed as a day of rest.

SECTION 2: Insofar as practicable, the appointing authorities and/or heads of all institutions, offices and departments of the State (hereafter “appointing authority”) shall permit the officers and employees under their control to observe Tuesday, December 31, 2019 as a day of rest. Nonetheless, an appointing authority shall have discretion to require said officers and/or employees to work on the holiday when, in the appointing authority’s judgment, it is required for the efficient administration of a state facility, the operation of which is necessary and indispensable to the citizens of the State.



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