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DATE: February 10, 2026

TO: Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

SUBJECT: Upcoming Legal and Proclaimed Holidays

The following holidays either are set forth in statute or have been proclaimed by Governor Jeff Landry:

Monday, February 16, 2026	Lundi Gras – Proclaimed holiday (02 JML 2026)
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Mardi Gras – Legal holiday

Employees normally scheduled and required to report for duty on the holiday will be appropriately compensated in accordance with the Civil Service Rules. These employees are not entitled to designate a different day as their holiday. For questions, see the [Job Aid: Understanding State Holidays](#) from the State Civil Service HR Handbook.

Sincerely,

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



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 02 JML 2026**

***LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2026***

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (B)(1)(a), Mardi Gras, Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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, Lundi Gras, during the Mardi Gras season;

NOW THEREFORE I, JEFF LANDRY, 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: Monday, February 16, 2026, is declared as 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 Monday, February 16, 2026, 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 9th day of February 2026.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**

**Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE**