State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 44 JML 2026

LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (B)(1)(a), Friday, December 25, 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 on Christmas Eve, a day when families traditionally gather together to remember their blessings and promote family values.

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: Thursday, December 24, 2026, 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 Thursday, December 24, 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 the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of October, 2026.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE