

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

### A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, section one, article two, chapter two of the Code of West Virginia, and section 143-1-14 of the West Virginia Code of State Regulations vests the Governor with the authority to proclaim and treat additional days as official holidays or days of special observance, or days for the general cessation of business; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the hard work accomplished by the public employees of this State throughout the year Two Thousand Seventeen, and in acknowledgement of the holiday season, it is fitting and proper that the public employees of this State be permitted to generally cease business on the afternoon of Friday, the twenty-second day of December, Two Thousand Seventeen, to spend an extended and enjoyable holiday with their loved ones.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, pursuant to the foregoing and by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **PROCLAIM** and **ORDER** that the afternoon of Friday, the twenty-second day of December, Two Thousand Seventeen shall be treated as if it were an official holiday, and the public employees of this State may be excused from their work duties on that afternoon for four hours without charge against accrued annual leave; and do further

**PROCLAIM** that this **ORDER** shall not affect private businesses, local governments, and other entities and individuals not employed by the State of West Virginia; nor shall it affect the work requirements of those public employees who may be called upon to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of West Virginia's citizenry and compensated in accordance with the legislative rules established by the West Virginia Division of Personnel; however, in accordance

with subsection (c), section one, article two, chapter two of the Code of West Virginia, county commissions may treat the afternoon of Friday, the twenty-second day of December, Two Thousand Seventeen, as if it were a legal holiday, and the courts may do the same.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



**By the Governor**

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.

  
**GOVERNOR**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**