

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Christmas Day occurs on a Saturday this year, and in recognition of the hard work accomplished by the public employees of this State throughout the year 2021, and in acknowledgement of the holiday season, it is fitting and proper that the public employees of this State be permitted to cease business for the last half of the workday of December 23, 2021, 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 public employees of this State may be excused from their work duties on the last half of Thursday, December 23, 2021, 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 who will be 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 designate the last half of Thursday, December 23, 2021, as a half-day of time off for county employees without charge against accrued annual leave, and the courts may treat the day as if it were a half-day legal holiday.

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

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.



By the Governor

James E. Justice
GOVERNOR

Mac Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE