

# State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 02 JML 2026

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

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**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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**Jeff Landry**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

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**Nancy Landry**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**