State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 43 JML 2026

LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY - ACADIAN DAY

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (B)(1)(a), Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 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 the observance by the departments of the State of other holidays and half-holidays by executive proclamation;

WHEREAS, when the Friday after Thanksgiving Day is declared a holiday by the governor, pursuant to R.S. 1:55(B)(3), such holiday is designated as Acadian Day to commemorate the arrival in Louisiana of the Acadian people from the French colony Acadia "following the ceding of that colony to England in 1713 and in recognition of the fact that much of the early economic and political development of Louisiana is directly attributable to the industry of the Acadian people, through cultivation of land, utilization of Louisiana's natural resources, and the interest of the Acadian people in political self-determination and American democracy;" 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 during a time period 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: Friday, November 27, 2026, is declared Acadian Day in the State of Louisiana, and it 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 Acadian Day as a day of rest. Nonetheless, an appointing authority shall have discretion to require said officers or employees to work on Acadian Day 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 this 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