

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 164 JBE 2020

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### *LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020*

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**WHEREAS,** pursuant to La. R.S. 1:55(A) and (B)(1)(a), Friday, January 1, 2021, 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 during a period when families traditionally gather together to remember their blessings and promote family values.

**NOW THEREFORE I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** 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 31, 2020 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 31, 2020 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

  
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**SECRETARY OF STATE**