

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: JUDICIAL HOLIDAY DECLARED

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of West Virginia has proclaimed a general cessation of business for state employees on Friday, December 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is considered the judgment of this Court that the State's judicial branch employees have worked honorably and well throughout the year; and

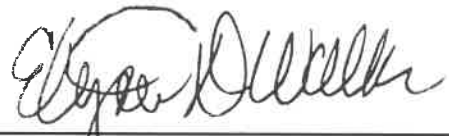
WHEREAS, Article VIII, §3, of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia provides that the chief justice shall be the administrative head of all the courts;

It is, therefore, ORDERED that Friday, December 29, 2023, shall be a judicial holiday for judicial offices operating within the West Virginia Judicial System. This Order applies to all judicial offices and judicial employees operating under the authority, supervision, or control of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

It is further ORDERED that the chief circuit judge of each circuit shall notify the magistrates and magistrate clerks' offices of this day and shall make an appropriate directive to provide the availability of magistrate court services on this date. Such directives may include, but are not limited to, provisions for filing with magistrate court clerks, directing a particular magistrate or magistrates to be on duty or on call, or such other local provision as will ensure access to the magistrate court.

The Administrative Director of the Court is directed to distribute copies of this Administrative Order by appropriate means to all circuit judges, family court judges, and magistrates.

ENTERED: December 26, 2023



ELIZABETH D. WALKER
Chief Justice



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Clerk of Court