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Half-Day Judicial Holiday Declared for Friday, April 18

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – In following with [the proclamation issued](#) by Gov. Patrick Morrisey, Chief Justice William R. “Bill” Wooton today issued an administrative order declaring a half-day judicial holiday for the last half of the day on Friday, April 18.

The 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, including the Intermediate Court of Appeals and magistrate, family and circuit court offices statewide.

The chief circuit judge of each judicial circuit is instructed to take necessary measures to ensure access to magistrate court services during the holiday period.

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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 the last half of Friday, April 18, 2025; 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 the last half of Friday, April 18, 2025, 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 court judge of each circuit shall notify the magistrates and magistrate clerk's 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 Office is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Administrative Order by appropriate means to the Intermediate Court of Appeals judges, all circuit judges, family court judges, and magistrates.

ENTERED: April 17, 2025



WILLIAM R. WOOTON
Chief Justice



C. CASEY FORBES
Clerk of Court