

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER SIXTY

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies

RE: Fourth of July Holiday

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July is one of this Nation's most significant observances, since it commemorates the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July falls this year on a Tuesday and is thus separated from the closest weekend by one working day, July 3; and

WHEREAS, July Fourth is traditionally a time for family celebration and holiday travel; and

WHEREAS, great inconvenience would be caused to many State employees who would have to work on July 3, thus splitting their Fourth of July holiday; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety it is best to discourage excessive highway travel during a holiday weekend; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 4, are legal holidays according to law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Russell W. Peterson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. That, except as hereinafter provided, all State agencies and departments shall treat Monday, July 3, 1972, as a holiday and grant all employees the same time off and other benefits as if it were a legal holiday.

2. Provided, that agencies providing emergency services rendered on a 24-hour basis shall operate on a normal holiday basis.

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3. Provided further, that if any Department head shall determine that any State department or agency under his supervision should operate on any basis other than that herein provided, he may direct that said department or agency shall operate as he directs; provided further, that no employee who, in the judgment of the said Department head, is not essential to the special needs of his department or agency on July 3, 1972, shall be required to work that day.



APPROVED This 25th day of May, 1972

Russell W. Peterson
Governor

ATTEST:

Walter H. Simpson
Secretary of State