

STATE OF DELAWARE



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER THIRTY-TWO

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies

RE: Designation of December 31, 1973 as holiday for State employees

WHEREAS, Delaware and all America is in the throes of a critical and all-pervasive energy crisis; and

WHEREAS, a serious shortage of energy could have an adverse affect upon the health, welfare and economy of the State of Delaware and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of November, 1973, I, in my capacity as Governor of the State of Delaware, recognized this energy crisis by declaring a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, States owned and leased offices consume a good deal of energy in such forms as light and heat; and

WHEREAS, State offices are closed on the legal holiday of New Year's Day, which falls on a Tuesday in 1974; and

WHEREAS, State offices will normally be closed on Saturday and Sunday, December 29 and 30, 1973 and opened Monday, December 31, 1973 and then once again closed on New Year's Day, January 1, 1974; and

WHEREAS, closing State facilities on Saturday and Sunday, December 29 and 30, 1973, then opening such facilities on Monday, December 31, 1973 and closing them again on Tuesday, January 1, 1974, would consume a great deal of energy;

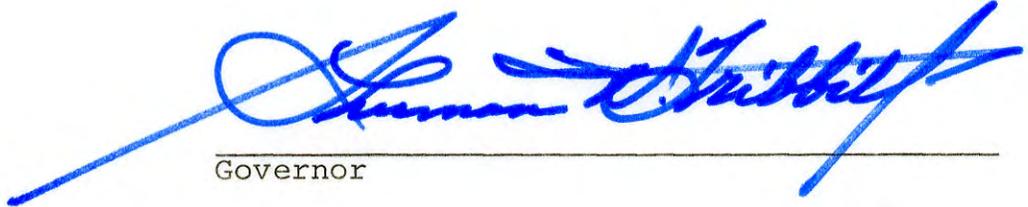
NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby order (with the exception of those State offices which render essential services on a 24-hour basis and the Division of Corporations of the Department of State which will be subject to the discretion of the Secretary of State) that all State Agencies treat Monday, December 31, 1973 as a legal holiday and accord employees the same time off and other benefits as provided on other legal holidays.

I further order that at 5:00 P.M., December 28, 1973, temperatures in all State offices be lowered to the optimum level consistent with maintenance of good health and working efficiency of the remaining occupants until 7:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 2, 1973. Health care facilities such as hospitals and homes for the aged or infirm, are exempt from this restriction; however, it should be applied where heating systems permit, in purely administrative areas of such facilities.

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I propose a temperature of 63°F, in those State facilities which are unoccupied during the aforementioned period of time.

APPROVED THIS 21st day of December, 1973



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Governor

ATTEST:



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Secretary of State

