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SUBJECT: Attendance and Leave Manual Appendix B

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Introduction

The New York State General Construction Law establishes the days or dates on which legal holidays are observed in New York State. Under this law, holidays other than Flag Day which fall on a Sunday are observed on the following Monday. The Attendance Rules and negotiated agreements identify which of these legal holidays are observed as paid holidays by New York State as an employer. This calendar does not modify negotiated agreements or Attendance Rules items on the subject of holidays. (See Section 21.1, Holidays, in this Manual.)

Information concerning the days of religious significance was obtained from official religious sources. Since it is not possible to include in this calendar the days of religious significance of every faith, agencies with questions about other religious observances should call the Attendance and Leave Unit of this Department at (518) 457-2295.

The calendar is intended as a guide, since special and local conditions may cause variation from official practice. It is impossible here to note every observance, such as an individual saint's day, which ordinarily would not require absence from work.

The following further explains days of religious significance and the calendar notations:

1. An asterisk (*) indicates a day of required religious observance. The letters before an asterisk indicate the faiths for which the day is a day of required religious observance. The abbreviations used correspond to the following denominations or subdenominations:

EO	-	Eastern Orthodox
P	-	Protestant
RC	-	Roman Catholic
OJ	-	Orthodox Jew
CJ	-	Conservative Jew
RJ	-	Reform Jew
M	-	Muslim

2. All days of religious significance for the Jewish faith begin at sundown on the evening before the date given.
3. The Orthodox Jewish faith requires its members to observe each Saturday as the Sabbath. Its members are not permitted to travel by car or common carrier after sundown on Friday evening.

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4. Reform Jews observe one day of required religious observance at the beginning and end of holy days rather than the two days Conservative and Orthodox Jews observe.
5. The Roman Catholic Church requires its members to attend Mass every Sunday and on days of required religious observance. In some areas, this obligation may be fulfilled by attending Mass after 4 p.m. on the preceding day. In some communities, the Solemnity of the Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption (August 15), and All Saints Day (November 1) are not considered to be days of required religious observance if they fall on a Saturday or a Monday.
6. The Eastern Orthodox Church requires its members to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and on days of required religious observance.
7. Some Eastern Orthodox churches, including many Russian Orthodox parishes, follow the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar. For this reason, they celebrate certain days of religious significance 13 days later than the dates listed by the Eastern Orthodox Church.
8. Members of the Islamic faith observe Fridays as their major day of worship. The fast of Ramadan begins at sundown on the evening before the date given; there is no prohibition on working during Ramadan. The two days of required religious observance are Eid-ul-Fitr (Festival of Fastbreaking) and Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice). Members of the Islamic faith are prohibited from working on those two days. All of the dates of Islamic observance are tentative because they are based on sightings of the moon. Those wishing to confirm the exact dates should call the Attendance and Leave Unit no more than 30 days before the date listed on the calendar.

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JANUARY	1	Friday	New Year's Day	Solemnity of the Mother of God (RC*) Feast of the Circumcision (EO*)
	6	Wednesday		Feast of Epiphany (EO*) (P) (RC)
	18	Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
	18 to 25	Monday to Monday		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (P) (RC)
	30	Saturday		Tu Bi Shevat (OJ, CJ, RJ)
FEBRUARY	2	Tuesday		The Presentation of Christ (EO*)
	6	Saturday		Saturday of Souls (EO)
	12	Friday	Lincoln's Birthday ¹	
	13	Saturday		Saturday of Souls (EO)
	15	Monday	Washington's Birthday (Observed)	
	17	Wednesday		Ash Wednesday (P) (RC)
	20	Saturday		Saturday of Souls (EO)
	21	Sunday		First Sunday of Lent (P) Sunday of Orthodoxy (EO)
	25	Thursday		Fast of Esther (OJ, CJ, RJ)
	28	Sunday		Purim (OJ, CJ, RJ)
MARCH	5	Friday		World Day of Prayer (P)
	25	Thursday		The Annunciation (EO*)
	28	Sunday		Palm Sunday (EO*) (P) (RC)
	29	Monday		First Passover Seder (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	30	Tuesday		Passover (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	31	Wednesday		Passover (OJ*, CJ*, RJ)
APRIL	1	Thursday		Holy Thursday (EO*) (RC) Maundy Thursday (P)

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APRIL	1 to 4	Thursday to Sunday		Intermediate Days of Passover (OJ, CJ, RJ)
	2	Friday		Good Friday (EO*) (P), (RC)
	3	Saturday		Holy Saturday (EO*)
	4	Sunday		Easter Sunday (EO*) (P) (RC)
	5	Monday		Passover (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	6	Tuesday		Passover (OJ*, CJ*)
	9	Friday		Feast of the Lifegiving Fountain (EO)
	11	Sunday		Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)
	18	Sunday		Yom Hazikaron (Day of Remembrance)
	19	Monday		Yom Haatzmaut (Israel Independence Day)
	23	Friday		The Feast of Saint George (EO)
MAY	2	Sunday		Lag Ba Omer (OJ, CJ, RJ)
	7	Friday		May Friendship Day (P)
	12	Wednesday		Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day)
	13	Thursday		Ascension Thursday (EO*) (P) (RC*)
	19	Wednesday		Shavuot (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	20	Thursday		Shavuot (OJ*, CJ*)
	21	Friday		Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen (EO)
	22	Saturday		Saturday of Souls (EO)
	23	Sunday		Pentecost (EO*) (P) (RC)
	24	Monday		Feast of the Holy Spirit (EO)
	30	Sunday		All Saints Day (EO)
	31	Monday	Memorial Day	
JUNE	3	Thursday		Corpus Christi (RC)
	13	Sunday	Flag Day ²	

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JUNE	29	Tuesday		Fast of the 17 th of Tammuz (OJ, CJ, RJ) Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (EO)
JULY	4	Sunday	Independence Day ³	
	20	Tuesday		Fast of the 9 th of AV (OJ, CJ, RJ)
AUGUST	6	Friday		The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (EO*)
	11	Wednesday		First Day of Ramadan (M) ⁴
	15	Sunday		The Assumption (RC) The Repose of the Blessed Mother (EO*)
SEPTEMBER	6	Monday	Labor Day	
	8	Wednesday		Nativity of the Theotokos (EO)
	9	Thursday		Rosh Hashanah (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	10	Friday		Eid-ul-Fitr (Festival of Fastbreaking)(M*) Rosh Hashanah (OJ*, CJ*)
	14	Tuesday		The Elevation of the Holy Cross (EO*)
	17	Friday		Kol Nidrei (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	18	Saturday		Yom Kippur (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	23	Thursday		Sukkot (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)
	24	Friday		Sukkot (OJ*, CJ*)
	25 to 29	Saturday to Wednesday		Intermediate Days of Sukkot (OJ, CJ, RJ)
30	Thursday		Shemini Atzeret (OJ*, CJ*, RJ*)	
OCTOBER	1	Friday		Simchat Torah (OJ*, CJ*)
	3	Sunday		World Communion Sunday (P)
	11	Monday	Columbus Day	
	26	Tuesday		Feast of St. Demetrios (EO)
	31	Sunday		Reformation Day (P)
NOVEMBER	1	Monday		All Saints Day (P) (RC)
	2	Tuesday	Election Day	All Souls Day (RC)
NOVEMBER	5	Friday		World Community Day (P)

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	11	Thursday	Veterans' Day	
	16	Tuesday		Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) (M*)
	21	Sunday		Presentation of the Virgin Mary (EO*)
	25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Day (P)
	28	Sunday		First Sunday of Advent (P)
DECEMBER	2 to 9	Thursday to Thursday		Chanukah (OJ, CJ, RJ)
	6	Monday		Feast of St. Nicholas (EO)
	8	Wednesday		The Immaculate Conception (RC*)
	25	Saturday	Christmas Day	Christmas Day (P) Feast of the Nativity (EO*) (RC*)
	26	Sunday		First Day of Kwanzaa ⁵
	27	Monday		Feast of St. Stephen (EO)

¹The State has designated Lincoln's Birthday as a floating holiday in 2010 for State employees in certain bargaining units.

² Flag Day, the second Sunday in June, is not observed on the following Monday, and is not a paid holiday for State employees.

³ Under the Attendance Rules, when a holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the following Monday.

⁴ The observance of Ramadan is anticipated to begin on August 11, 2010. See introduction, Note 8.

⁵ Kwanzaa actually ends on January 1, 2011.