

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON
JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY CLOSING
ON JUNE 18, 2021, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

WHEREAS, Both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States having passed S. 475, the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, declaring June 19, Juneteenth National Independence Day, as an official holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in these United States; and

WHEREAS, The White House having announced that the President of our Nation today will sign the bill into law;

WHEREAS, the United States Office of Personnel Management further having announced that the President has declared tomorrow, June 18, 2021, a federal holiday in observance of Juneteenth, with the federal government offices to be closed; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Maryland having announced the closure of State government agencies and offices on Friday, June 18, 2021, in observance of Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Branch already having under consideration the addition of Juneteenth to its calendar of holiday closures; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Maryland Constitution, Article IV § 18, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is granted administrative powers, including the closing of courts in the State of Maryland and non-court judicial facilities,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do, this 17th day of June 2021, order as follows:

- (a) June 18, 2021, shall be added, on an exceptional basis, to the previously announced listing of Court holidays for calendar year 2021; and
- (b) In the years to follow, June 19, or the day that will be designated in the event that June 19 falls on a weekend, shall be a Court holiday; and
- (c) On that day, all courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, and administrative offices shall be closed in observance of Juneteenth.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera
Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: June 17, 2021

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson
Suzanne C. Johnson
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland

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Suzanne C. Johnson, Clerk