

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**ORDER SETTING 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Federal law establishes public holidays for federal employees, including Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. These holidays are celebrated through closure of the Offices of the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 23, 2017. In extended observance of this holiday, the court's offices will also be closed on Friday, November 24, 2017. Christmas Day falls on Monday, December 25, 2017. In extended observance of Christmas Day, the court's offices will also be closed on Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

Pursuant to Rule 77 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the district court is considered always open for filing motions and any papers. Accordingly, the court's electronic case filing system is available for filing 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for registered users. Parties not registered to use the electronic filing system who anticipate an after-hours emergency should contact the clerk's office during regular office hours to arrange after-hours coverage.

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2018 is a federal holiday.

SO ORDERED. This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

/s/ Thomas D. Schroeder  
Chief, United States District Judge