

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

ORDER SETTING 2018 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 22, 2018. In extended observance of this holiday, the court's offices will also be closed on Friday, November 23, 2018. Christmas Day falls on Tuesday, December 25, 2018. In extended observance of Christmas Day, the court's offices will also be closed on Monday, December 24, 2018. Similarly, the court's office will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2018, in extended observance of New Year's Day.

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, who are not registered to use the electronic filing system, anticipating an after-hours emergency, must contact the clerk's office during regular office hours to arrange after-hours coverage.

SO ORDERED. This the 31st day of October, 2018.

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