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Vermont Supreme Court Declares 12 Unpaid Furlough Days for All State Judiciary Employees

The Vermont Supreme Court announced that it has declared 12 judicial branch furlough days between now and the end of the 2011 fiscal year. State Judiciary employees will not be paid on furlough days.

All Vermont **courts and courthouses will be closed on furlough days** subject to certain limited exceptions as described in annotations to the schedule. Two courts will be available to the entire state on furlough days on a restricted basis to handle proceedings required for public health and safety.

The Supreme Court in response to the financial crisis of State Government began instituting furlough days in order to meet reduced budgets in FY2010. Unfortunately, the State's financial position has not improved and the Supreme Court will have to continue the use of furlough days to meet budget expectations.

The furlough day schedule is posted on the Vermont Judiciary website at www.vermontjudiciary.org. Those with questions regarding the application of the furlough day schedule should contact their local court. The contact information for all courts is set forth on the Judiciary website at "Contact Us."