

**THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2017-002  
(Supersedes Administrative Order S-1995-003)**

**ROSH HASHANAH, YOM KIPPUR AND GOOD FRIDAY  
DESIGNATED AS COURT HOLIDAYS**

Section 683.19, Florida Statutes, empowers a trial court chief judge to designate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Good Friday as legal holidays for the courts within the judicial circuit. The designation of these days as legal holidays for the courts was recommended more than 22 years ago by a vote of the circuit and county judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and these days have been designated as legal holidays for the courts since then.

The authorization to close the courts on a preceding Friday or following Monday, for a holiday that falls on a Saturday or Sunday respectively only applies to the nine holidays enumerated in section 110.117, Florida Statutes. Therefore, if Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or following Monday may not be designated a holiday for court employees unless designated as the chief judge's discretionary holiday under Section 4.07(2) of the Florida State Courts System Personnel Regulations Manual.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, sections 2(d) and 7 of the Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), it is ORDERED:

**1. Designation of Holidays**

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Good Friday are re-designated as legal holidays for the courts within the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in accordance with section 683.19, Florida Statutes.

**2. Persons Employed by the Courts**

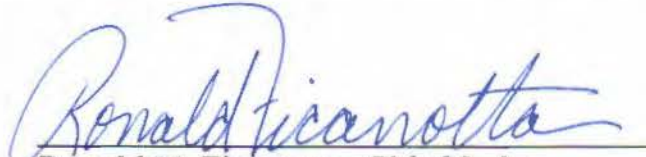
In accordance with section 683.19, Florida Statutes, the courts of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit will remain closed on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Good Friday and those days will be holidays for persons employed by the courts. The term "persons employed by the courts" means judges, judicial assistants and all persons employed by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, regardless of the funding source of the position. If Rosh Hashanah

or Yom Kippur fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or following Monday are not designated a holiday for persons employed by the courts.

**3. Previous Administrative Order Superseded**

This administrative order supersedes Administrative Order S-1995-003 (*Designation of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Good Friday as Legal Holidays for the Courts*).

ENTERED in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on January 12, 2017.

  
Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge

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