

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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August 1, 1924.

SUBJECT: Federal Reserve Bank Holidays.

Dear Sir:

The Board has given further consideration to the question of the observance by Federal reserve banks of holidays, as discussed in the Board's circular letter X-4122, dated July 18, and in various replies thereto which have been received. It has reached the conclusion that no Federal Reserve bank or branch bank should close for business except on Sundays and such holidays as are generally observed throughout the United States and have come by common custom and usage to be regarded as national holidays. In reaching this conclusion the Board was influenced largely by a consideration of the basic duty of Federal reserve banks to perform the functions which are contemplated by the law of their creation and which necessarily involve activities of a nation wide character. In some respects, Federal reserve banks may be affected by the laws of the States in which they are situated. In many other respects their operations may be limited to Federal reserve district lines, but fundamentally they were created to serve as banks of issue, of discount, and of reserve for the whole nation, and are the institutions through which the great majority of the banking transactions of the country are cleared, and because they are essentially national, rather than local, institutions, their operations should be conducted with primary regard to the interests of the nation as a whole.

You are accordingly advised that the Board will approve the following days as holidays for all Federal reserve banks and branches:

January 1 - New Year's Day Labor Day
February 22 - Washington's Birthday Thanksgiving Day
July 4 - Independence Day December 25 - Christmas
Day.

As noted in the Board's circular letter, X-4122, the Board will leave to the discretion of the Federal reserve banks the question of cutting down their personnel on days when there is a local holiday affecting their operations.

This ruling is effective August 15, 1924.

By direction of the Federal Reserve Board.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Noell,
Assistant Secretary.

TO GOVERNORS AND CHAIRMEN OF ALL F. R. BANKS.