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#### **Closings And Cancellations**

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State offices will be closed on Friday after Thanksgiving. Governor Jay Nixon cites continued improvement in the economy that helps to lead to a stronger state budget outlook. Citing the stronger state budget outlook because of the continued improving Missouri economy, Gov. Jay Nixon today issued an executive order closing state offices on November 23rd, the day after Thanksgiving.

The State Budget Office earlier today issued its monthly revenue report, showing receipts for the fiscal year up by 7.5 percent from last year.

In 2009, Governor Nixon signed an executive order closing state offices on the Friday after Thanksgiving, a day when, typically, offices have been closed in years past. Because of budget challenges in 2010 and 2011, state offices remained opened those years on the day after Thanksgiving to achieve savings to the budget.