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PAWTUCKET CITY HALL TO SHUTDOWN EARLY ON FRIDAYS

Mayor James E. Doyle announces City Hall will close at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, in conjunction with the recently approved union concessions of 12 unpaid furlough days. The Pawtucket Planning Department will follow the same 11:30 a.m. Friday closing schedule as City Hall.

The 12 unpaid furlough days affect all non-public safety personnel and were part of the negotiated union concessions, achieved recently by Mayor Doyle. To minimize any interruption of service, it was decided, rather than completely closing City Hall for 12 full days, closing at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays would be less of an inconvenience for our residents. The 11:30 a.m. Friday closings will begin on January 29, 2010 and continue until the end of our current fiscal year on June 30, 2010. Since City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2010, in observance of Good Friday, City Hall will close at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010 instead.

Mayor Doyle stated, "I am very grateful to the members of Local 1012 and Local 3960 who recently ratified a new contract, which among other concessions totaling more than \$800,000 this year. Among the concessions recently ratified are these 12 unpaid furlough days which will save our taxpayers \$473,000."

The Pawtucket Public Library, the Pawtucket Public Works Department and the Pawtucket Water Supply will also experience reduced hours equal to the City Hall furlough, but may be enacted under a different schedule. Therefore, it is suggested that you call ahead to check their hours. The Library can be reached at 725-3714; the Pawtucket Water Supply Board can be reached at 725-9492 and the Pawtucket Public Works at 728-0500 ext. 233 or 236.