



MENDOCINO COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

# NEWS RELEASE

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**Ukiah, California... *December 24, 2008***

The Mendocino County Executive Office is announcing a series of office closures and reduced working hours for the remainder of the New Year's week due to fiscal concerns.

Please review the enclosed schedule and distribute to your listeners and readers as a public service.

The continued decline in the nation's economy and lack of a State Budget is impacting all levels of local government and additional reductions in employee staffing and further office closures will be necessary in 2009. Although the County is presently working with its employee bargaining units to manage its budget concerns, the fiscal shortfall due to declining sales tax revenue, reduced property taxes, and elimination of state funding for various agencies will impact all citizens of Mendocino County. Your support during these difficult times is important and the County will continue to provide essential services as funding allows.

With limited staffing hours for next week due to Holidays and Mandatory Days Off it is always advisable to call in advance, before driving long distance to ensure staff is available to meet your needs.

***Additional closures for December 26, 2008:***

**December 26 – *Afternoon***

Veteran's Services – Ukiah

**December 26 – *All day***

HHSA:

Administration

Adult and Aging Services

Environmental Health

Mental Health Services

Public Health Branch – AODP Open

Veteran's Services – Willits & Fort Bragg

The following County offices will be closed on:

**December 31 – *Afternoon***

Water Agency

**December 31 – *All day***

HHSA:

Adult and Aging Services

Animal Care & Control

CWS – Child Welfare Services

Mental Health Services

**January 1, 2009 – *New Years Day***

County Holiday

**January 2, 2009 – *All day***

Mandatory time off (MTO)

All County Offices