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City of Santa Maria Announces Mandatory Time Off (Furlough) Day

The second in a series of Mandatory Time Off (MTO) days that City offices will be closed to the public will be Friday, February 19th. These closures are a result of declining operating revenues, and a means to reduce operating costs.

The City has implemented a MTO Program (or otherwise referred to as a furlough program) for its employees during calendar year 2010 in an effort to save the City approximately \$1.2 million during 2010.

Under the MTO program, the majority of all City offices and departments (including City Hall and the Library) will be closed on the third Friday of every month during 2010, including Veterans Day, November 11th.

Police and fire emergency services will not be impacted or affected. Trash and recycling service will continue to be served as scheduled, and the Santa Maria Regional Landfill will be closed on certain Sundays throughout the year.

Additional information about the MTO program is posted on the City's website, <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/CityClosuresDuring2010.html>

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