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G.A.B. Announces Furlough Days

MADISON, WI – The Government Accountability Board has released its schedule of mandatory furlough days on which the agency will be closed, in compliance with Governor Jim Doyle’s Executive Order #285 requiring all employees of the State of Wisconsin to take 16 furlough days during the 2009-11 biennium. The G.A.B. is providing our customers, the voters, and our partners, the municipal and county clerks, with advance notice of the agency’s eight-day mandatory furlough schedule, which differs somewhat from that of other agencies because of the election schedule.

“The G.A.B. is only able to be closed on three of the designated statewide dates,” said Kevin J. Kennedy, director and general counsel of the agency. “The other designated dates are not feasible because it will hamper our ability to meet our operational business needs. In even-numbered years it is election season and we are busy preparing for that cycle, which includes mandatory filing deadlines established by state statute. The agency needs to be open to serve local elected officials, candidates, campaign registrants and the public on those days.”

All G.A.B. offices will be closed on the following furlough days. Dates with an asterisk are specific to the G.A.B., and not other state agencies.

FY’10 (July 2009 – June 2010)	FY’11 (July 2010 – June 2011)
Friday, Sept. 4, 2009*	Friday, July 2, 2010*
Monday, October 12, 2009	Friday, April 22, 2011*
Friday, November 27, 2009	Friday, May 27, 2011
Friday, May 7, 2010*	Friday, June 24, 2011*

In addition, all employees must take eight flexible furlough days over the biennium.

On days when the G.A.B. is closed, there will be no Help Desk support available by telephone; however, customers are urged to use the G.A.B.’s Web site: gab.wi.gov, for reports, forms and access to online databases, including the Voter Public Access System, Campaign Finance Information System and the Eye on Lobbying database.

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The Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) is responsible for administration and enforcement of campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying laws in Wisconsin. The G.A.B. is made up of six non-partisan, former judges and is supported by an agency of non-partisan staff members. Additional information about the mission of the G.A.B. may be obtained by telephone at **1-608-266-8005**, by electronic mail at gab@wi.gov, or through the Internet at <http://gab.wi.gov>.