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State of Rhode Island

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

January 24, 2026

WHEREAS, a heavy accumulation of snow followed by high winds throughout the State of Rhode Island are forecast to begin on the morning of Sunday, January 25, 2026, and continue until the afternoon of Monday, January 26, 2026;

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions will make travel on state roads difficult and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the State seeks to prevent accidents involving large trucks on state roadways and minimize impediments to snow plowing activities during this storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. An imminent emergency exists pertaining to the State's roadways.
2. Effective beginning at noon (12 p.m.) on Sunday, January 25, 2026, and continuing until further notice, all tractor-trailers, tankers, special permitted vehicles, RVs, box trucks, vehicles with trailers and, tandems, except those responding to an emergency or carrying emergency supplies, are banned from travelling on the State's roadways. Public transportation vehicles operated by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority providing bus or passenger service along established routes are not subject to this ban.
3. Drivers of all other types of vehicles are expected to use good judgment and stay off the roads until the snowstorm has passed and snow on the roads has been plowed.

This Proclamation shall take effect at noon on Sunday, January 25, 2026, and will remain in effect until further notice.

So Ordered:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "J".

Daniel J. McKee

Date: January 24, 2026