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## ACT

To provide for public holidays and for incidental matters.

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia, as follows:-

### 1. Public Holidays

[\[The word "Holidays" in this heading should not be capitalised.\]](#)

- (1) The days specified in the Schedule shall be public holidays.
- (2) When a public holiday falls on a Sunday the following Monday shall also be a public holiday, unless that Monday is a public holiday.
- (3) The President may by proclamation in the Gazette declare any day in a particular year, not being a public holiday in terms of subsection (1) or (2), to be a public holiday.

### 2. Interpretation of laws

Any reference in any law to a public holiday shall be construed as a reference to a public holiday referred to in section 1.

### 3. Repeal of Act 7 of 1987

The Public Holidays Act, 1987, is hereby repealed.

#### 4. Short title and commencement

This Act shall be called the Public Holidays Act, 1990, and shall come into operation on 1 February 1991.

#### Schedule

New Year's Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Independence Day (the twenty-first day of March)

Workers Day (the first day of May)

Cassinga Day (the fourth day of May)

Ascension Day

Africa Day (the twenty-fifth day of May)

Heroes Day (the twenty-sixth day of August)

Day of the Namibian Women and International Human Rights Day (the tenth day of December)

**[The name of this public holiday is substituted by Act 16 of 2004.]**

Christmas Day (the twenty-fifth day of December)

Family Day (the twenty-sixth day of December).