

**THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS PROCLAMATION
(CHAPTER 44)**

as amended by

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (ADAPTATION OF EXISTING LAWS)
ORDER 1966**

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CHAPTER 44
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

To make provision for public holidays

(23rd December, 1938)

Short Title.

1. This Proclamation may be cited as the Public Holidays Proclamation.

Public Holidays.

2. The days named in the Schedule shall be public holidays within Botswana¹:

Provided that —

- (a) when any of the said days falls on a Sunday the following Monday shall be observed as a public holiday; and
- (b) when Boxing Day falls on a Monday the following Tuesday shall be observed as a public holiday.

Power to Appoint any Day to be a Public Holiday.

3. The President¹ may from time to time by notice in the *Gazette* appoint any day not named in the Schedule, but specified in that notice, to be observed as a public holiday within Botswana¹.

References in Laws to Public Holidays.

4. Any reference in any law in force in Botswana¹ to public holidays shall be deemed to be a reference to public holidays as named by or appointed under the provisions of this Proclamation and to no other days.

Non-business Days for Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.

5. Sunday and any other day named in the Schedule to, or appointed under the provisions of, this Proclamation as a public holiday shall be deemed to be a non-business day within the meaning of any law in force in Botswana¹ relating to bills of exchange or promissory notes, anything to the contrary in any such law notwithstanding.

(1) amended by L.N. 84 of 1966

SCHEDULE

New Year's Day
Good Friday
The Saturday intervening between Good Friday and Easter Monday
Easter Monday
Ascension Day
Whit Monday
'President's Day (24th May)
'Commonwealth Day (on a day to be appointed each year by the President' by
notice in the *Gazette*)
First Monday in August
'Botswana Day (30th September)
Christmas Day
Boxing Day.