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**An Act to re-enact with amendments the Public Holidays Act**

*Date of Assent:* 5th September, 2006

*Date of Commencement:* 15th September, 2006

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays Act, 2006.
2. (1) The days named in the Schedule shall be public holidays within Botswana:

Short title  
Public  
holidays

Provided that —

- (i) when any of the said days fall on a Sunday the following Monday shall be observed as a public holiday;
- (ii) if 2nd January, 1st October or Boxing day falls on a Monday, the following Tuesday shall be observed as a public holiday;
- (iii) when Botswana Day referred to in the Schedule falls on a Saturday, the next following Monday shall be observed as a public holiday.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1), only Christmas Day, Good Friday and Botswana Day shall be public holidays in the mining industry, which shall be taken to comprise such undertakings as may be engaged in the winning of minerals as defined in the Mines and Minerals Act.

3. (1) If it appears to the President that, in the special circumstances of any year, it is necessary or expedient to do so in the national interest, the President may by notice in Gazette declare any day not referred to in the Schedule as a public holiday, to be observed within Botswana.

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President to  
appoint any  
day to be  
public holiday

(2) A day declared as a public holiday under subsection (1) shall be observed as a public holiday only on the day in the year in which it was so declared.

References in written laws to public holidays

4. Any reference in any written law in force in Botswana to public holidays shall be deemed to be a reference to public holidays as named by or appointed under the provisions of this Act 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 Act as a public holiday shall be deemed to be a non-business day within the meaning of any written law in force in Botswana relating to bills of exchange or promissory notes, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any such law.

Repeal and revocation (Cap. 03:07)

6. (1) The Public Holidays Act is hereby repealed.  
(2) The following enactments are hereby revoked —  
(a) Declaration of Public Holiday Order, 1992 (S.I. 71);  
(b) Declaration of Labour Day Holiday Order, 1996 (S.I. 27);  
(c) Public Holiday (Declaration of First October Holiday) Order, 1998 (S.I. 60).

## SCHEDULE

New Year's Day  
2nd January  
Good Friday  
Saturday following Good Friday  
Easter Monday  
Ascension Day  
Labour Day (1st May)  
Sir Seretse Khama Day (1st July)  
President's Day (third Monday in July)  
Tuesday following President's Day  
Botswana Day (30th September)  
1st October  
Christmas Day  
Boxing Day.

PASSED by the National Assembly this 31st day of July, 2006.

A. MATLHAKU,  
*Clerk of the National Assembly.*