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Public Holidays and Days of National Importance Act

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15.02.2007	RT I 2007, 22, 118	23.03.2007
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21.01.2010	RT I 2010, 7, 27	26.02.2010
17.02.2011	RT I, 09.03.2011, 2	19.03.2011

§ 1. National day

The national day and a day of rest is:
24 February, Independence Day and anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.

§ 2. Public holidays

Public holidays and days of rest are:

- 1) 1 January – New Year's Day;
 - 2) – Good Friday;
 - 3) – Easter Sunday;
 - 4) 1 May – May Day;
 - 5) – Pentecost;
 - 6) 23 June – Victory Day;
 - 7) 24 June – Midsummer Day;
 - 8) 20 August – Day of Restoration of Independence;
 - 8¹) 24 December – Christmas Eve;
 - 9) 25 December – Christmas Day;
 - 10) 26 December – Boxing Day.
- [RT I 2005, 24, 185 - entry into force 20.05.2005]

§ 3. Days of national importance

The days of national importance are:

- 1) 6 January – Epiphany;
- 2) 2 February – Anniversary of Tartu Peace Treaty;
- 2¹) 14 March – Mother Tongue Day;
- 3) second Sunday in May – Mothers' Day;
- 3¹) 4 June – Flag Day;
- 4) 14 June – Day of Mourning;
- 4¹) 23 August – Day of Remembrance for Victims of Communism and Nazism;
[RT I 2009, 34, 229 - entry into force 06.07.2009]
- 4²) the second Sunday in September – Grandparents' Day;
[RT I 2010, 7, 27 - entry into force 26.02.2010]
- 4³) 22 September – Resistance Day;

[RT I 2010, 7, 27 - entry into force 26.02.2010]

4⁴) the second Saturday in October – Finno-Ugric Day;

[RT I, 09.03.2011, 2 - entry into force 19.03.2011]

5) 2 November – All Souls' Day;

6) the second Sunday in November – Fathers' Day;

7) 16 November – Day of Declaration of Sovereignty.

§ 3¹. National mourning

(1) The Government of the Republic of Estonia may declare a period of national mourning.

(2) No public events incongruous with mourning may be held on 14 June, the Day of Mourning.

[RT I 2005, 20, 126 - entry into force 01.01.2006]

§ 4. Determination of public holidays and days of national importance

(1) The public holidays and days of national importance specified in this Act are determined on the basis of the Gregorian calendar.

(2) The provisions in other legislative acts regarding public holidays and days of national importance apply to the national day.

§ 5. [Omitted from this version]

§ 6. Entry into force of this Act

This Act enters into force on 23 February 1998.