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Public Holidays and Days of National Importance Act

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14.04.2005	RT I 2005, 24, 185	20.05.2005
15.02.2007	RT I 2007, 22, 118	23.03.2007
18.06.2009	RT I 2009, 34, 229	06.07.2009
21.01.2010	RT I 2010, 7, 27	26.02.2010
17.02.2011	RT I, 09.03.2011, 2	19.03.2011
29.05.2018	RT I, 12.06.2018, 2	22.06.2018
12.11.2020	RT I, 24.11.2020, 3	04.12.2020
07.12.2022	RT I, 20.12.2022, 1	30.12.2022

§ 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;
- 1¹) 30 January – Estonian Literature Day;
[RT I, 20.12.2022, 1 – entry into force 30.12.2022]
- 2) 2 February – Anniversary of Tartu Peace Treaty;
- 2¹) 14 March – Mother Tongue Day;
- 3) second Sunday in May – Mothers' Day;
- 3¹) 1 June – Child Protection Day;
[RT I, 24.11.2020, 3 – entry into force 04.12.2020]

- 3²) 4 June – Flag Day;
[RT I 2004, 29, 193 – entry into force 24.04.2004, clause number changed (RT I, 24.11.2020, 3)]
- 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 2007, 22, 118 - entry into force 23.03.2007, clause number changed (RT I, 2010, 7, 27)]
- 4⁴) 1 October – Local Self-Government Day;
[RT I, 12.06.2018, 2 - entry into force 22.06.2018]
- 4⁵) the third Saturday in October – Kindred Peoples’ Day;
[RT I, 09.03.2011, 2 - entry into force 19.03.2011, clause number changed (RT I, 12.06.2018, 2)]
- 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.