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Public Holidays Act (Chapter 321)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, GRAND CHIEF SIR BOB DADAE, GCL., G.C.M.G., K. St. J., Governor-General, by virtue of the powers conferred by Sections 1, 2 and 3 the *Public Holidays Act* (Chapter 321), and all other powers me enabling, acting with, and in accordance with, the advice of the National Executive Council, hereby —

- (a) appoint Thursday, 01st January, 2026 to be the day to commemorate the New Year's Day; and
- (b) appoint Thursday, 26th February, 2026 to be the day to commemorate the National Remembrance Day of the late Former Prime Minister, Great Grand Chief Rt. Hon Sir Michael Thomas Somare; and
- (c) appoint Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 to be the day to commemorate the Birthday of the King; and
- (d) appoint Thursday, 23rd July, 2026 to be the day to commemorate the Papua New Guinea Remembrance Day; and
- (e) appoint Wednesday, 16th September, 2026, to be the Independence Day; and
- (f) notify for general information that the following days shall be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea.

No	Public Holiday	Day	Date
1.	New Year's Day	Thursday	01st January, 2026
2.	National Remembrance Day of the late Former Prime Minister, Great Grand Chief Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Thomas Somare	Thursday	26th February, 2026
3.	Good Friday	Friday	3rd April, 2026
4.	Easter Saturday	Saturday	4th April, 2026
5.	Easter Sunday	Sunday	5th April, 2026
6.	Easter Monday	Monday	6th April, 2026

Public Holiday—continued

No	Public Holiday	Day	Date
7	King's Birthday	Wednesday	17th June, 2026
8	National Remembrance Day	Thursday	23rd July, 2026
9	National Repentance Day	Wednesday	26th August, 2026
10	Independence Day	Wednesday	16th September, 2026
11	Christmas Day	Friday	25th September, 2026
12	Boxing Day	Saturday	26th December, 2026

Dated this Tuesday, 19th day of August, 2025.

Sir BOB DADAE,
Governor-General.

*Public Holidays Act (Chapter 321)***PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby notified for general information that the following days shall be for observance throughout Papua New Guinea, but not as Public Holidays:

Nos	Days to be observed	Days	Dates
1	Global Family Day - formerly one day of peace and sharing	Thursday	01st January, 2026
2	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust.	Tuesday	27th January, 2026
3	International Mother Language Day	Saturday	21st February, 2026
4	International Day for Women's Right and International Peace	Sunday	08th March, 2026
5	Commonwealth Day	Monday	09th March, 2026
6	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Saturday	21st March, 2026
7	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination - Week Beginning	Saturday	21st March, 2026
8	World Day for Water	Sunday	22nd March, 2026
9	National Women's Day	Tuesday	24th March, 2026
10	National day of Disabled Persons	Sunday	29th March, 2026
11	World Health Day	Tuesday	7th April, 2026
12	Book and Copyright Day	Thursday	23rd April, 2026
13	World Press Freedom Day	Sunday	03rd May, 2026
14	International Day of Family	Wednesday	15th May, 2026
15	World Telecommunication Day	Friday	17th May, 2026
16	World Tree Kangaroo Day	Thursday	21st May, 2026
17	World No-Tobacco Day	Sunday	31st May, 2026
18	World Environment Day	Friday-Saturday	05th - 06th June, 2026
19	National Labour Day	Wednesday	10th June, 2026
20	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Wednesday	17th June, 2026
21	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Friday	26th June, 2026
22	International Day of Cooperation	Wednesday	01st July, 2026
23	World Population Day	Saturday	11th July, 2026
24	Provincial Government Day	Sunday	19th July, 2026
25	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Sunday	09th August, 2026
26	National Prayer Days	Sunday - Monday	06th - 07th September, 2026
27	International Literacy Day	Tuesday	08th September, 2026
28	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	Wednesday	16th September, 2026
29	World Maritime Day	Tuesday	29th September, 2026

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Nos	Days to be observd	Days	Dates
30	International Day of Older Persons	Thursday	01st October, 2026
31	World Habitat Day	Sunday	04th October, 2026
32	International/National World Teachers Day	Monday	05th October, 2026
33	World Post Day	Friday	09th October, 2026
34	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	Sunday	11th October, 2026
35	World Food Day	Friday	16th October, 2026
36	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Saturday	17th October, 2026
37	World Development Information Day	Saturday	24th October, 2026
38	United Nations Day	Saturday	24th October, 2026
39	Disarmament Week	Saturday - Friday	24th - 30th October, 2026
40	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Day	Sunday	03rd November, 2026
41	Universal Children's Day	Friday	20th November, 2026
42	World AIDS Day	Tuesday	01st December, 2026
43	International Day of Disabled Persons	Thursday	03rd December, 2026
44	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	Saturday	05th December, 2026
45	International Civil Aviation Day for Economic and Social Development	Monday	7th December, 2026
46	Human Rights Day	Thursday	10th December, 2026
47	Anniversary of UNICEF	Friday	11th December, 2026

Dated this 20th day of August, 2025.

J. MARAPE,
Chairman,
National Executive Council.