



# **LAWS OF SARAWAK**

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## **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE**

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*An Ordinance to declare the law with regard to State public holidays.*

*[16th December, 1946]*

### **Short title**

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

### **Interpretation**

2. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the day next following a public holiday shall mean the next following day not being itself a public holiday or Sunday.

### **Certain days to be public holidays**

3. Subject to this Ordinance, the several days mentioned in the First and Second Schedules, hereinafter referred to as public holidays, shall be kept as public holidays in Sarawak:

Provided that, if any of the public holidays mentioned in the Second Schedule does not fall on a Monday, such public holiday shall be kept on the nearest Monday thereto.

### **Power to exclude**

4. The Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri may make regulations excluding in whole or in part from the operation of this Ordinance any public office or any department thereof, and thereupon all acts and things relating to such public office or department thereof may be done and performed on any public holiday, notwithstanding this Ordinance.

**Yang di-Pertua Negeri may appoint special days to be observed as public holidays**

5. The Yang di-Pertua Negeri may, by notification in the *Gazette*, at any time appoint a special day to be observed as a public holiday in addition to, or in substitution for, any of the days mentioned in the First or Second Schedule, and thereupon this Ordinance shall be applicable to such day in the same manner as if the said day had been mentioned in the appropriate Schedule.

**Appointment of special bank holidays**

6. The Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri may, by Order, appoint a specified day to be observed as a bank holiday, either throughout Sarawak or in any locality thereof, and any day so appointed shall be kept as a holiday in all banks within the locality mentioned in such Order.

*FIRST SCHEDULE*

*(Sections 3 and 5)*

The first day of January.

Chinese New Year and the following day.

Good Friday. [*Swk. L.N. 105/66*].

Wesak Day. [*Swk. L.N. 3/80*].

Malaysia Day. [*Swk. L.N. 3/2010*].

The Birthday of Prophet Mohammad. [*G.N.S. 239/63*].

The Birthday of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. [*G.N.S.239/63*].

Hari Raya Puasa and the following day.

Hari Raya Haji.

Awal Muharram. [*Swk. L.N. 78/77*].

Christmas day. [*Swk. L.N. 78/77*].

Dayak Festival Day (the first day of June) and the following day. [*Swk. L.N. 105/66 and Swk. L.N. 63/69*].

31st August—National Day. [*G.N.S. 239/63; Swk. L.N. 54/74; Swk. L.N. 3/2010*].

The first day of May—Worker's Celebration Day. [*Swk. L.N. 17/73 and 54/74*].

If any of these days (above) falls on a Sunday the following Monday shall be a Public Holiday unless otherwise ordered by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri by notification in the *Gazette*.

Birthday of Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak (the second Saturday of September). [*Swk. L.N. 60/92*] – [*Revoked by Swk. L.N. 238/2017*].

Sarawak Independence Day [*Swk. L.N. 150/2016*].

*SECOND SCHEDULE*

(*Sections 3 and 5*)

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