



GOVERNMENT OF TONGA

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### “TONGA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2017”

The official Public Holidays confirmed for 2017 are as follows:

MONTH:	NAME OF PUBLIC HOLIDAY:	TYPE OF HOLIDAY:	ACTUAL DATE:	OBSERVATION DATE:
<b>JANUARY</b>	New Year's Day	International	1 January	Sunday, 1 January, 2017
<b>APRIL</b>	Good Friday	International	14 April	Friday, 14 April, 2017
	Easter Monday	International	17 April	Monday, 17 April, 2017
	ANZAC Day	International	25 April	Tuesday, 25 April, 2017
<b>JUNE</b>	Emancipation Day	Tonga Public Holiday	4 June ( <i>Sunday</i> )	Monday, 5 June, 2017
<b>JULY</b>	Official Birthday of His Majesty King Tupou VI <i>(Birthday of the Reigning Sovereign)</i>	Tonga Public Holiday	4 July	Tuesday, 4 July, 2017
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Birthday of His Royal Highness The Crown Prince Tupoto'a-'Ulukalala <i>(Birthday of the Heir to the Crown).</i>	Tonga Public Holiday	17 September <i>(Sunday)</i>	Monday, 18 September, 2017
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Constitutional Day <i>(National Day)</i>	Tonga Public Holiday	4 November <i>(Saturday)</i>	Monday, 6 November, 2017
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Tupou I Day	Tonga Public Holiday	4 December	Monday, 4 December, 2017
	Christmas Day	International	25 December	Monday, 25 December 2017
	Boxing Day	International	26 December	Tuesday, 26 December 2017

In 2017, three days are observed in accordance with the Public Holidays Act(Cap.51), i.e Emancipation Day(June 4), Birthday of the Heir to the Crown (September 17) and Constitutional Day (November 4), since these public holidays specified, *falls upon a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, that public holiday shall be celebrated on the next following Monday.*

Other public holidays are observed on the actual days it occurred.

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