



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MOTION SEEKING LEAVE OF PARLIAMENT TO INTRODUCE A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL ENTITLED "THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020".

(Moved under Articles 94(4) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and Rules 120 and 121 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament)

WHEREAS Article 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda empowers Parliament to make laws for the peace, order, development and good governance of Uganda;

AND WHEREAS Article 94 (4) (b) of the Constitution and the Rules 120 and 121 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament recognizes the right of a Member of Parliament to move a Private Member's Bill;

AWARE THAT the Public Holidays Act, Cap. 255 specifies public holidays that are kept and observed in Uganda, including those declared by the President under the same Act, and their respective dates on which they fall, where practicable;

AWARE FURTHER THAT it is an international and national practice for the public holidays to be observed through public celebrations and call for citizens' participation in order to give the days the deserved recognition, honour and visibility;

APPRECIATING THAT public holidays not only afford citizens an opportunity to participate in the commemoration of such important days, but also enable them take some time off to rest;

CONCERNED THAT in instances where a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, which are already designated days of rest, public holidays may not be given their deserved recognition, honour and visibility and some may even pass unnoticed;

CONVINCED THAT in order to ensure continued recognition, honour and visibility of public holidays, it is necessary to have public holidays falling on a weekend observed on working days to avoid them interfering with rest days and coinciding with weekend activities like prayers, marriage celebrations and political activities, among others;

REALISING THAT observance of public holidays on week days will not only improve their visibility and enable participation of all and as a result, build a stronger sense of nationalism and togetherness but also afford citizens an opportunity to rest;

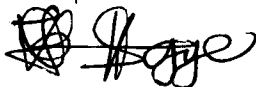
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that:

This House grants me leave to introduce a Private Member's Bill for an Act entitled "**The Public Holidays (Amendment) Act, 2020**" a draft of which is hereto attached and do order the publication of the said Bill in preparation for its first reading.

I beg to move

MOVED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

Hon. Adeke Anna Ebaju
Youth Representative