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PRESS RELEASE

Day Off on March 1st, 2017

The Government has decided to grant a day off on March 1st – Ash Wednesday on the catholic calendar – to all employees and agents of the ministries or their dependent services, as well as the institutes and integrated indirect State administration bodies.

Ash Wednesday is of great importance to the Christian community, for being the first day of Lent in the calendar of the catholic religion; occurring 40 days before Easter.

This decision is based on Law no. 10/2005, of August 10th, which determines the days which are national holidays and official commemorative dates, and those days that are not a holiday, but for which a day off can be granted. **ENDS**



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