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TO : ALL MEMBERS

NO PUBLIC HOLIDAY TODAY.

The Federation informs all its members that there is NO Public Holiday today (25 March 2020). There is some confusion among the employer community and the general public regarding the Prime Minister's announcement in his Address to the Nation that Wednesday 25 March 2020 was being declared a National Day of Fasting and Praying/Prayer.

We inform that Wednesday 25 March is NOT a gazetted Public Holiday. There will not be any public holiday penalty rates applying to workers on this day. Employers note that there is no Public Holiday and there is no application of Public Holiday penalty rates of time-on-time. Today 25th March 2020 is a National Day of Fasting and Prayer. We thank all churches, leaders and the public for taking part in this event in view of COVID-19.

We encourage employers to follow the National State of Emergency Orders issued by the Minister for Health and the State of Emergency Controller and continue to press the message to instill good hygiene practices at the workplaces.

The Federation will continue to keep the membership informed of essential information as it becomes available.

Yours Sincerely,

Florence Willie Executive Director