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### **Government of Belize Establishes New Public and Bank Holidays**

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The Government of Belize hereby informs that starting this year, January 15 will be officially observed as a public and bank holiday in honour of the Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price, Belize's first Prime Minister.

At the Special Sitting of the House of Representatives on January 8, 2021, parliament passed a proposal made by Hon. Kareem Musa, the Minister responsible for public and bank holidays, for the installation of George Price Day and Emancipation Day. Belize will now join other Caribbean nations in the observance of Emancipation Day on August 1 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the Caribbean.

Additionally, October 12, celebrated as Pan American Day, is to be renamed. A special committee will be established to determine the official list of public and bank holidays.

The announcement of the official changes in the public and bank holidays will be done at a later time.

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