Cuba Makes Good Friday an Official Holiday

Havana, April 17 (RHC) – Cuba has declared Good Friday an official national holiday, according to the new Labor Code, passed by the National Assembly of People's Power in December.

Since the new regulation will take effect in June, the Labor and Social Security Ministry issued a special ruling to make this Friday a day off, according to the daily newspaper Granma.

The first Good Friday that Cuba celebrated in decades was on April 6, 2012, following a request made by then Pope Benedict XVI to President Raul Castro during his March 26th to 28th visit to the Caribbean nation.

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