



26th April 2022

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London  
SW1A 2AA  
Cc. The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Dear Prime Minister and Chancellor,

As British business leaders, we are supporting the creation of a new annual public holiday - a Thank Holiday - from 2023.

All of us will be doing our bit during this year's Jubilee Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's extraordinary public service.

We ask that you take this opportunity not only to recognise the Queen's enduring contribution but the service and kindness of millions in our communities, especially during the pandemic.

A Thank Holiday would provide a moment every year for individuals and communities to come together, to thank those who have contributed in ways big and small to making our country a better place to live, and to create new bonds that will strengthen our society.

The campaign has already received widespread support from an extraordinary number of individuals and organisations. We are pleased to show that businesses are also firmly behind the idea.

We are convinced that the benefits of a new holiday would outweigh the costs, as well as serving as a demonstration of our national values and compassion. As a business community, we stand ready to work with you to achieve this.

Yours,

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Joe Bailey, *Marketing Manager*, Parent Cloud  
Claire Bastin, *Head of Events*, Royal Museums Greenwich  
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