**Decree by the Council of State: National Period of Mourning**

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CUBA, 26 November 2016.- On the occasion of the passing of Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba declares nine days of National Mourning, from 06:00 on 26 November to 12:00 on 4 December 2016.

During the Period of National Mourning, all public activities and performances will be suspended; the national standard will fly at half-mast at all public buildings and military establishments.  Cuban Radio and Television will be airing informative, patriotic and historical programing.

Council of State of the Republic of Cuba

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