

**A
PROCLAMATION
BY THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, God Almighty, The Benevolent Father under whom all Mankind is equal, saw fit and proper to inspire the Historic Works of the hands of the Founding Fathers of this Land, on the 26th Day of July, 1847, causing them to DECLARE THIS NATION, A FREE, SOVEREIGN, AND INDEPENDENT STATE within the Comity of Nations; and,

WHEREAS, through our National existence the People of this Land have worked assiduously to evolve by the natural process, the principles of mutual understanding, oneness of purpose, peace, social justice and prosperity, by earnest and compelling appeal for UNITY, as THE FIRST INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, and,

WHEREAS, the leaders of this REPUBLIC AND THE LORDS OF THE SOIL, joined together, in a concerted National endeavor, to accelerate our Country's Progress, and bring to practical fruition the ideas of Liberty, Justice and Equal Opportunities for ALL, making Liberia an Example for SELF-DETERMINATION in all Africa; and,

WHEREAS, in spite of great odds and difficulties from internal dissensions and external indictments, Liberia rejected and fought against International Conspiracy, Detractors and other vicious forces, opposed to the intentions of our forebears to establish an enlightened, stable, and progressive Government by all men of African descent, gained and maintained international prestige; and,

WHEREAS, the EVILS which emanated from the combination of odious fruits of undemocratic indoctrination and unbridled greed recently engaged our Nation into a bitter fratricidal conflict which were withstood by the resilience of the Liberian People; and,

WHEREAS, but for the Grace of God Almighty, we now lift ourselves from those dark and dismal days, from critical and stormy evils, and from deep cleavages of disunity, into a time of realization for the need to CHANGE the Old Concepts of Liberia, and sow new seeds to germinate at "160 YEARS OF OUR EXISTENCE, THEREBY, RECLAIMING OUR FUTURE"; and,

WHEREAS, it behooves THE YOUTHS of this Glorious Land of Liberty to constitute the only basis and resolve from the opportunities afforded by the COLLECTIVE WILL of ALL PEOPLES of the State, through their yearning for Creativity, Capability, Capacity building; and

WHEREAS, it is expedient and befitting that, we should continuously acknowledge the HANDS OF GOD at work, in All THINGS AND AT ALL TIMES, give thanks and praises to the Almighty for preserving our Common Patrimony and saving the State, from gruesome turbulences of the Past, by His Awesome Powers in 160 years:

NOW THEREFORE, I, ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, by virtue of the AUTHORITY in ME Vested, DO HEREBY DECLARE, ANNOUNCE, AND PROCLAIM Thursday, the 26th Day of July in the year of our Lord 2007 AD as NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, to be observed throughout the REPUBLIC as a NATIONAL HOLIDAY in all Cities, Towns, Villages, Hamlets, and Other Places of Habitation by all persons within the Republic; and, I also call upon Every Citizen and Foreign Resident within our Borders to respect and observe this 160th Independence Anniversary as such: and, I thereby direct that all Government Offices, Business Houses, and Market places be closed on that DAY from Six O'clock ante meridian to Six O'clock post meridian.

FURTHER, I HEREBY ORDER that THANKSGIVING and Special SERVICES for Reconciliation and Peace for Progressive change in Brotherhood, between and amongst ALL OF OUR PEOPLE be held in all Mosques, on Friday, 20th July 2007, and in all Churches on Sunday, 22nd July 2007, throughout This Land, at which time People of all Religions and Creeds may gather together, and give Praises and Glory to the Great Arbiter of Human Events for all His Goodness in Ages Past, with invocation for his continuous Blessings and Merciful Guidance upon US during this 160th ANNIVERSARY, and beyond in times unknown.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTERRADO, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA THIS, 12TH DAY OF JUND A.D. 2007 AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC, THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH.

ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. WALLACE, JR.
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS