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P R O C L A M A T I O N  
B Y T H E P R E S I D E N T**

**WHEREAS**, the Family Planning Association of Liberia (FPAL), was established in 1956, through the concerted efforts and several visits paid to West Africa by a Pathfinder Representative, Educator, Author and Health Consultant, Ms. Edith Gates; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose for the establishment of the Family Planning Association of Liberia is to ameliorate the problems of the high mortality and fertility rates among women, especially poor ones, of reproductive age, and to control their births through proper child spacing; and,

**WHEREAS**, since its establishment, the Family Planning Association remains dedicated to its major policy, which includes promotion of child spacing, the development of a child welfare system, the balance of infant mortality and morbidity rates, acceptable to the Social and Economic advancement of a developing society and the International Community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Family Planning Association of Liberia will host its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Assembly from Monday, 8 June 2009 through Sunday, 14 June 2009, under the Theme: **“FPAL Building Bridges to Success on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Liberia”**; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Assembly is to meet the International Planned Parenthood Federation (**IPPF**) Standards and create awareness through organized programs, and to evaluate progress and immense contributions FPAL continues to make in the field of Family Planning and Sexual Reproductive Health Services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Government of the Republic of Liberia has, and will continue to recognize the need for a planned parenthood organization that will take appropriate measures as will regulate and make manifest, either the number of spacing of offsprings, or births:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF**, President of the Republic of Liberia, by virtue of the Authority in me vested, do hereby declare Monday, 8 June through Sunday, 14 June 2009, as “**FAMILY PLANNING WEEK**”, to be observed throughout the Republic as **Working Holidays**, in recognition of invaluable services the FPAL renders to humanity.

Further, I do call upon all Agencies of Government and non-Governmental Organizations concerned, as well as the Public, to join the Family Planning Association of Liberia to execute Programs befitting the hosting of this 19<sup>th</sup> Members’ Assembly.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN THE CITY OF  
MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO, THIS  
2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,  
2009, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE  
REPUBLIC, THE 162<sup>ND</sup>.**

**ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

**BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT**

**JOHNSON N. GWAIKOLO  
ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**