

**A
PROCLAMATION
BY THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, the Government and People of the Republic of Liberia in recognition of the importance of the Creation of Maximum Public interest in the Health Care Delivery System, and the value of National and International cooperation in achieving healthier conditions and the readiness of health workers to respond to the needs of those affected by emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) of which, the Republic of Liberia is a Full Member ,adopted a Resolution from its inception at the first Health Assembly in 1948, setting aside the Seventh Day of April of each year as “**World Health Day**” which began taking effect in 1950; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Day 2009 focuses on the safety of health facilities, as over the past Fifty years, this has brought to light important health issues, such as, Mental Health, Maternal and Child Care, and climate change, which has caused global disasters with severe consequences; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of World Heath Day is an opportunity to draw worldwide attention to a particular subject matter of major importance and concern to global health each year, the objective of World Health Day 2009 is to ensure that health facilities are resilient enough to withstand hazards and be prepared to operate in their work, to serve both the people directly affected and others in surrounding communities; the observance of this year celebration will be under the **theme: “SAVE LIVES! MAKE HOSPITALS SAFE IN EMERGENCIES”**; and,

WHEREAS, THE Government of the Republic of Liberia is calling upon all National and International Organizations, as well as Member States to observe this Remarkable Day in their respective Territories.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF, President of the Republic of Liberia, by virtue of the Authority in Me vested, do hereby declare and Proclaim Tuesday, 7th April 2009, as “**World Health Day**”, and call upon all Citizens and Foreigners residing within our Borders to observe this day as a **Working Holiday** throughout the Republic.

FURTHER, I call upon all Hospitals, Clinics, Medical Centers, Schools and Citizens throughout the Republic of Liberia to cooperate with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Resident Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) in executing

Programs befitting the Occasion using the theme: **“SAVE LIVES!MAKE HOSPITALS SAFE IN EMERGENCIES”**.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN THE CITY OF
MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTERRADO THIS
24TH DAY OF MARCH, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
2009, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE
REPUBLIC THE 162ND.**

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

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

**OLUBANKE KING-AKERELE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**