

**A  
PROCLAMATION  
BY THE PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, the International Telegraph Union founded in 1865 was subsequently transformed into the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 1932 for the purpose of helping countries of the Union harmonize their policies, bridge technology differences, foster a system of inter-operability on a global scale, to help people of the World on Information and Communication Technologies World Wide; and,

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the Global Mission of the International Telecommunication Union, its goal is to afford telecommunication consumers equal opportunity to participate in the digital age, and therefore, has provided rules and procedures for universal access of telecommunication services by ITU Member States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the World Telecommunication and Information Technology cognizant of the safety of children and young people Globally, who are the users of the Internet and Mobile devices as well as protecting them against all forms of exploitation and that children can safely access the internet without the fear of falling prey to unscrupulous predators, as they surf through the cyberspace seeking information, entertainment and building social networks; and,

**WHEREAS**, in our strive to support this National and International Plan of the International Telecommunication Union, geared toward building ICT capacity for all, including those persons with disabilities, through the promotion of universal, equitable and affordable access to ICT, the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications will join Member Countries of the ITU to celebrate May 17, 2009. **“WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY”**, under the **THEME: “PROTECTING CHILDREN IN CYBERSPACE”**; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Government of the Republic of Liberia being a Founding Member of the International Telecommunication Union, will always support and uphold all rules and procedures laid down by this World Body:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF, President of the Republic of Liberia**, by virtue of the Authority in Me vested, do hereby Declare Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009, **“WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY”**, to be observed throughout the Republic as a **“WORKING HOLIDAY”**, and to call upon all

Government Ministries and Agencies, as well as International Organizations concerned, to cooperate with the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications in executing appropriate Programs to make the Day meaningful. It is also proclaim hereby that since 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 falls on a Sunday, the Day will be observed on Monday, 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2009.

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

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

**BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT**

**WILLIAM V. S. BULL, SR.  
ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**