

A
PROCLAMATION
BY THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1907 by Lord Baden Powell, the Universal Mission of Scout Movement continues to call for the provision of Good Citizenship, Character Building, Educational Programs for Boys, Girls and Young Adults; and,

WHEREAS, with this Purpose and Intent, the Liberian Legislature on January 26, 1923, passed an Act granting a Charter establishing the Liberia National Scout Movement in Liberia, under its universal Oath to which every Liberian Scout Member subscribes as follows: “On my honor I will do my best. To do my duty to God and to my Country, and to obey the scout law. To help other people at all times. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight”; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia continues to re-affirm its faith and trust in the Scout Oath and Law calling for character building of Liberian youths on a value system: which The President, as Chief Patron of Scouts in Liberia, welcomes for the hosting of the 5th West African Zonal Scout Conference in Liberia, coinciding with Liberia National Annual Scout Week Celebrations; and,

WHEREAS, Liberia, hosting and desiring, through its Chief Patron and Scout, seeks the launching of a renewed momentum in the Scout Movement to promote peace, security, reconciliation and voluntary community services among all youths and young adults throughout the West African Sub-Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Youths and Sports, Ministry of Education, Religious Organizations, Local Governments and Community Leaders exercise Institutional interest and Leadership support for the expansion of programs for character values, trust and other qualities for role model be emulated by the younger generation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF, President of the Republic of Liberia, and Chief Patron of the Liberian National Scout Movement, by virtue of the Authority in me vested, do hereby Proclaim the week between the 25th May -30th May, 2009, as “**LIBERIA ANNUAL SCOUT WEEK**”, along with the hosting of the 5th West African Zonal Conference in Liberia, and call on the National Leadership of all Scout Movements, in active collaboration and cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Education, Religious Organizations, Local Government and Community Leaders, and all other interested Citizens and Foreign Residents, to organize appropriate programs, highlighting the Spirit and Mission of the Scout Movement throughout Liberia and the West African Sub-Region, and to appropriately celebrate and demonstrate the Institutional and National Interest and Support for the character building of the Youths and Young Adults of Liberia and the West African Sub-Region inherent in the Scout Movement.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN THE CITY OF
MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTERRADO, THIS
25TH DAY OF MAY, 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

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