

A
PROCLAMATION
BY THE
PRESIDENT

WHEREAS God, the Almighty, the Ruler of Nations and Author of Liberty, has blessed and prospered the work of the hands of our Founding Fathers of the Republic, from 26th day of July 1847, and when this Nation was declared a Free, Sovereign and Independent State; and

WHEREAS, from the Day of our Independence, Liberia, as any other Nation, has suffered political unrest, acute nationalistic and ideological turbulence, disaster and economic instability, but the people of Liberia were able to forge their way through unity, hard work, courage and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, it is expedient that we should give thanks and praises to God Almighty for the preservation of our Common Patrimony and Democratic Institutions, who was able to bring us this mighty long way through His grace and awesome power by steering our Ship of State to safety through these perilous path; and

WHEREAS, it is gratifying indeed, for Liberia to turn a new page in Celebrations of the “One Hundred and fifty-Ninth Independence Anniversary” for which we are grateful to the God of our Fathers; and

WHEREAS, under the “Patriotic Observance Law, Title 26, Liberia Code of Laws of 1956, the 26th day of July each year is set aside as a National Holiday:

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 Wednesday, 26th day of July, a National Holiday, and do call upon all Citizens of the Republic and all Foreigners residing within our borders, to observe the same as such, and require that all Government Offices and Business Houses be closed on that day from Six O’clock ante meridian to Six O’clock post meridian.

Further, I do direct that Thanksgiving and Intercessory Services be held on Friday, 21st July 2006, in all Mosques, and Sunday, 23rd July 2006, in all Churches throughout the Republic, throughout the days, at which time peoples of all Religions and Creeds may gather to give Praises and Glory to God Almighty for his goodness vouchsafed unto us in the ages past.

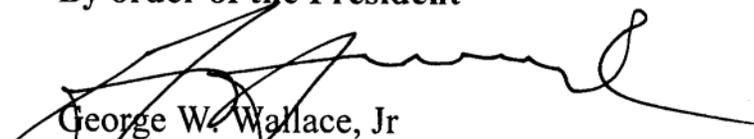
Additionally, I hereby direct that Tuesday, July 25th 2006, be observed as a Day of National Repentance where appropriate, solemn, contemplative, and commemorative programs will be executed to foster National Reconciliation and Peaceful Co-existence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Republic of Liberia, at the City of Monrovia, this 4th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2006, and of the Independence of the Republic, the 159th.



H. E. Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
President to the Republic of Liberia

By order of the President



George W. Wallace, Jr
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS