



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 65

Prohibition on mass movements of people including Rallies, Parades, and Demonstrations on the streets of Monrovia.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia vests Executive Power in the President of the Republic of Liberia; and

WHEREAS, the exercise of Executive Power requires the President to take all appropriate measures to protect the security of the State, maintain law and order and promote peace and stability; and

WHEREAS, the existing law requiring persons desiring to march or demonstrate to obtain prior permits from the Ministry of Justice have proven ineffective to address rallies, parades and concerted mass movements on the streets of Monrovia and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the Government has noted with concern the increasing number of incidents of concerted mass movements of people on the streets of Monrovia and its environs, including in particular rallies, demonstrations, and parades, which have led to persistent and frequent violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Laws of Liberia, obstruction of the free flow of traffic and the movement of peaceful citizens, the disruption of economic activities, and concomitant panic in the City with total disregard of the consequences thereof; and

WHEREAS, to allow the aforesaid conduct to continue with impunity and without control, will frustrate efforts to contain the Ebola virus Disease in Liberia, undermine the security of the State and the maintenance of law and order, and negatively impact the economy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, by virtue of the powers vested in me, do hereby, by this Executive Order and for the purposes of the aforesaid, order and direct that:

All concerted mass movements of people on the streets of Monrovia during the ensuing special elections, including in particular rallies, demonstrations and parades, are prohibited and for thirty (30) days after the announcement of election results, thereby strengthening the efforts of the Government of Liberia to contain the spread of Ebola, to protect the security of the State, maintain law and order, and promote peace and stability in Liberia.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER TAKES IMMEDIATE EFFECT

Done in the City of Monrovia, this 3rd
day of December A.D 2014

Handwritten signature of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in green ink.

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA