

**A
PROCLAMATION
BY THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, it is befitting that a day be set aside to memorialize those who have lived and died in the interest of their Nation thereby keeping evergreen the noble deeds of sacrifices rendered during their life time as their contribution to the onward march of the Country; and,

WHEREAS, the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia realizing that such a commemoration be constantly kept in the minds of our citizens including the Youths of our Land to inspire them to greater measure of service and Patriotism, did by an Act approved 24th October, 1916, declared the second Wednesday of each year “DECORATION DAY”, to be observed as a National Holiday; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF, President of the Republic of Liberia, by virtue of the Authority in Me vested by the above cited Act, do hereby proclaim the observance the second Wednesday ensuing (13th March 2009) “DECORATION DAY” and hereby order said Day, be strictly observed as a National Holiday throughout the Republic, and that all Government offices, public as well as Business houses are closed on this Day.

FURTHER, I do order, the National Ensign to be flown from all public buildings, Military Camps, posts and private residence, in the manner following:
From 6: a. m. to 12 noon at full- staff; from 12:01 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at half- staff; then at 5:31 p.m. to full- staff and struck at 6:00 p.m.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN THE CITY
MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTERRADO
THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, IN THE YEAR
OF OUR LORD 2009, AND OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC,
THE 162ND.**

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

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

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