

**A**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
**BY THE PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, realizing the benefits to be achieved from the Unification and Integration Policy did pass at its **1959/1960 Sessions**, “**An Act Entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS NATIONAL UNIFICATION DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA”**”, and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of the Republic of Liberia adheres to the principles of justice, equality, fairplay and equal opportunities for all, regardless of tribe or clan, section, creed or economic status, so that Liberians might be united in a consolidated whole; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this national aspiration, a Unification and Integration Program was enunciated and pursued in the Country; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Unification and Integration Policy became a cogent part of the National Development Plan the people of Liberia have seen marked progress and improvement in all spheres of national endeavours including, the economic, educational, communication and social fields; and

**WHEREAS**, the wisdom of the Unification Policy has found expression in the National Fabric of the Nation through the representation of all sections of the Country in the Legislature and every other Branch of Government, thereby promoting conditions of peace and unity; and

**WHEREAS**, being mindful of the years of civil strife in the Country and its harmful impact on the people, it is imperative that all Liberians rededicate themselves to the noble ideals enshrined in the Unification Act which promotes unity and brotherhood of all Liberians:

**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 **Thursday, May 14, 2009 “NATIONAL UNIFICATION DAY”**, to be observed throughout the Territorial Confines of this Republic as a **National Holiday**, and I do order and direct that all public buildings and business houses be closed on this day.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN THE CITY  
MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO  
THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD 2009, AND OF THE 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**