

**A
PROCLAMATION
BY THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, the people of Liberia in appreciation of the continued, bountiful blessings including the sustenance of nationhood from the time of National Independence as bestowed by God Almighty, enacted through a statute of the Legislature in its session of 1883, and declared the First Thursday in the Month of November each year, as **National Thanksgiving Day**; and,

WHEREAS, the people of the Republic of Liberia have always given thanks and praises to the Almighty God for his tender Mercies and manifold blessings showered upon us as a Nation, especially for his continuous protection and blessings in times of peace, disaster, and other natural phenomena have sustained us politically, socially and economically over the year ; and,

WHEREAS, the gratitude of the people of Liberia can be expressed in prayers and thanksgiving for His mercies showered upon us for generations as a Nation, and having successfully overwhelmed the deadly Ebola Virus which plagued the land in 2014, giving the Republic more reasons at this time to glorify the Great Arbiter of Human existence, in a Special way, for His grace; and,

WHEREAS, it is befitting that thanksgiving this year be declared for the Nation and its people to give thanks and adoration to the Lord for this dispensation of Grace, Mercy, and Providence for the perseverance of our lives and to overcome the spreading of the pathogenic disease; and,

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, November 5, 2015, as

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY to be observed throughout the Republic as a **NATIONAL HOLIDAY**.

Further, I do call upon all Liberians and Foreign Residents, Priests, Imams, Bishops, Pastors, Clergies, and all Religious Organizations to gather together in their various places of Worship to give thanks and praises to the Almighty God that His Blessings and Mercies may continuously rest upon us as a people and a Nation.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO, THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2015, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC THE 169TH.

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

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

**B. ELIAS SHONIYIN
ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**