Easter Message Delivered By President George Weah on April 20, 2019

My fellow Liberians,

As we gather at our respective places of worship this weekend to observe events commemorating the sacred Easter holiday, I'd like to wish each and everyone of you a blessed and Happy Easter.

The celebration of Easter has been a long-standing tradition deeply rooted in our culture dating back to our inception as a sovereign nation. It is a tradition honored by our forefathers and passed on to our generation. It teaches us about the long suffering Christ endured; and the sacrifices he made for the redemption of mankind when he was crucified on the cross of Cavalry. We celebrate Easter because it is a pivotal aspect of our Christian doctrine and a true testament of the Love of Christ towards humanity.

Easter is a time when Christians from all walks of life celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a moment for us to appreciate the selfless life that Christ lived; and exemplify that life as Christians. As we observe this Easter, let us adopt the true attributes of Christ—A man who endured immense pain, but yet remained meek. A man who was beaten for our sake, but yet he remained forgiving. A man who was bruised for our transgressions, but yet he remained resolute in his pursuit for the redemption of mankind.

The Prophet Isaiah laid it out best in describing the pains Christ encountered on the cross of Calvary for our sake in Isaiah 53:5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed."

As we join the rest of Christendom to have a sober reflection on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, It is my fervent hope that we will use this Easter to forge a new frontier in our Christian journey; as we strive to enhance our personal relationship with Christ, and make the world a better place for all. Let us not forget that the true essence of Easter is to continue to advance the tenets of the

Gospel and the desires of Christ by fostering peace and promoting unity amongst our fellowmen.

Once again, may the blessings of this Easter bring us great joy and lasting peace.

Have a happy and blessed Easter.

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