AN ACT TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA ON DECEMBER 24, 1976

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature Assembled:

Section 1. The Executive Order issued by the President of Liberia on December 24, 1976 as set out fully below, is hereby approved:

Executive Order Extending The Territorial Sea of Liberia to 200 Miles

Whereas, An Act To Establish And Delimit The Territorial Sea And Contiguous zone of the Republic of Liberia was passed by the Legislature of Liberia and approved June 24, 1968; and

Whereas, by that Act, the territorial area of the Republic of Liberia was extended to a distance of 12 nautical miles from the base line of the Republic of Liberia; and

Whereas, it has now become necessary to provide for adequate protection of the coastline of the Republic of Liberia and preserve the interest of the Liberian people over an extended area of the sea adjacent to the Republic of Liberia;

Now, Therefore, I, William R. Tolbert, Jr., President of the Republic of Liberia, by virtue of the authority in me vested do hereby declare that, effective as of the date of this Order, the territorial sea of the Republic of Liberia shall extend to a distance of two hundred (200) nautical miles from the base line of the Republic of Liberia.

> Given under my hand this 24th day of December, A.D. 1976. Signed: WilLam R. Tolbert, Jr. President of Liberia

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in hand-bills.

Approved: February 16, 1977.

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