**Proclamation No. 863/2014**

A PROCLAMATION TO AMEND THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA FLAG PROCLAMATION No. 654/2009

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to amend the Flag Proclamation No. 654/2009;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 55 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia it is hereby proclaimed as follows:

1. **Short Title**

This Proclamation may be cited as “Flag Amendment/ Proclamation No.863/2014.”

2. **Amendment**

1/ Article 4 of the Flag Proclamation No. 654/2009 is deleted and replaced by the following new Article 4:

"4. The Flag Day

The National Flag day /hereinafter “the National Flag Day” / shall be celebrated at national level every year on the first Monday of the Ethiopian month of Tikimit."
2/ the following new sub-article (3) is added after sub article (2) of Article 22 of Proclamation No. 654/2009 and Article 22 (3) and (4) are renumbered as (4) and (5):

“3/ Notwithstanding the provision of sub article (2) of this Article when the House of Peoples’ Representatives is in recess, the Speaker of the House may declare half-masting and a national mourning day.”

3. Effective Date
This Proclamation shall enter into force on the date of publication in the Federal Negarit Gazette.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 11th day of August, 2014

MULATU TESHOME (DR.)
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA