



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI
SECOND ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2019 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
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4. Petitions
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6. Notices of Motion(as listed in the appendix)
7. Statements
8. **MOTION- FREE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SNAKE BITES ANTI-VENOM IN PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES.**
(Hon. Gitari Margaret Mukwanjeru, MCA, Chogoria Ward)

THAT, AWARE THAT, there is an abundance of snakes in various parts of the County especially the lower parts of Tharaka Nithi and the neighboring Counties;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, all patients bitten by snakes should be assessed by medically-trained staff to determine the species responsible, the amount of venom injected and the variable time course for development of signs, requiring that patients be kept under observation for at least 24 hours;

CONCERNED THAT, these incidences of snake bites are a neglected emergency in the County owing to the low awareness of snake bites as a public health problem in the country resulting to victims being maimed and even losing lives;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, poor infrastructure and poverty contribute to delays in seeking and receiving treatment for snake bites including the high cost of acquiring and storing the anti-venom;

RECOGNIZING THAT, it is essential for snakebite victims to get supportive care followed by the administration of the anti-venom as soon as possible following a snake bite;

NOTING THAT, Article 43 (1) (a) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health;

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- i. Establish programs to sensitize people on the management of snake bites
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KEY

- **** -Denotes a Majority/Minority Bill
- *** -Denotes a Committee Bill
- * -Denotes any other Bill

APPENDIX

Papers

1. National Government Budget Implementation Review Report Financial Year 2018/19.
2. County Governments Annual Budget Implementation Review Report FY 2018/19.
3. The Tharaka Nithi County Health Sector Annual Performance Review Report FY 2018/19.

Notice of Motion

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