

REPUBLIC OF KENYA THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI SECOND ASSEMBLY - (FIFTH SESSION) COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honourable Members,

As it is the custom of this assembly to recognise guests seated in the gallery, I take this opportunity to recognize the presence of Teachers and students from Nguruki Mixed day secondary school and welcome them to follow the proceedings and debates in todays' plenary. Hopefully the students will learn something on the roles of county assemblies as envisioned in the constitution of Kenya 2010.

Honourable Members,

As you are aware Section 30(2)(k) of the County Government Act 2012 provides that the County Governor shall among others deliver annual state of the County address containing such matters as may be specified in County legislation. Further, the Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Standing Order 31(1) provides that the Governor shall address a special sitting of the Assembly once every year and may address the Assembly at any other time.

Honorable Members,

I wish to inform the house that am in receipt of a message by way of a letter to the County Assembly referenced **Ref: TNC/GEN/2021/27** dated **11th November, 2021**, expressing the desire of H.E The Governor to address the County Assembly on Wednesday 15th December, 2021 in line with Standing Order 31 of our Standing Orders and Section 30(2)(k) of the County Government Act, 2012.

Honorable Members,

As you are aware, on Tuesday 30th November 2021 this House altered the Assembly Calendar for the Fifth Session and the House is set to adjourn for the long recess on Wednesday 15th December, 2021 until Tuesday 8th February 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 38(1) of the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi Standing Orders.

This brings us to the close of the Fifth Session sittings.

Honorable Members,

I wish to thank all the Honorable Members for their commitment in execution of their mandate of Oversight, Legislation and Representation.

In the Fifth Session, pursuant to Article 185 of the Constitution, the House was able to pass the following Bills:

- i. The Tharaka Nithi County Alcoholic Drinks Control Bill, 2020;
- ii. The Tharaka Nithi County Water services Bill, 2020;
- iii. The Tharaka Nithi County Public Nuisance Bill, 2020;
- iv. The Tharaka Nithi County E-waste management Bill, 2020;
- v. The Tharaka Nithi County laws inspectorate, Compliance and Enforcement Bill, 2020;
- vi. The Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill, 2020;
- vii. The Tharaka Nithi County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021;
- viii. The Tharaka Nithi County Appropriation Bill, 2021;
- ix. The Tharaka Nithi County Health Services and Sanitation Bill, 2021;
- x. The Tharaka Nithi County Finance Bill, 2021;
- xi. The Tharaka Nithi County Road Asset Management Bill, 2021;
- xii. The Tharaka Nithi County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021.

The House has also adopted several Committee Reports and approved several Motions.

Honorable Members,

I wish to also thank the County Assembly Service Board and the Tharaka Nithi County Assembly staff for their dedication and devotion to the County Assembly Service and its smooth running.

Honorable Members,

I urge that all the Committee activities be concluded by Friday 17th December, 2021 and resume on Monday 10th January, 2022 to allow for the Members of the County Assembly to interact with their electorate, enjoy the festive season and allow the County Assembly staff to take their annual leave.

I thank you.

RT. HON. DAVID MBAYA

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI

15th December, 2021