



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI
SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FIFTH SESSION)
CONVOCATION AND COMMUNICATION BY THE CHAIR

Your Excellency Honorable Muthomi Njuki the Governor Tharaka Nithi County, Honourable Members, all invited guests, ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure this morning to welcome you to this historical moment and a very uniquely placed sitting in the history of Parliament, and most importantly the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi.

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.

Your Excellency and all our invited Guests “History is written by those who dare to take the Journey” indeed today as we take this Journey of re-writing the history of Parliaments in the world. You and I are a witness that the 2nd Assembly of the County of Tharaka Nithi shall be addressed, in a special moment, by His Excellency the Governor, on a state of the County address pursuant to Standing Order 31, and by an invited dignitary distinguished Hon. Kareke Mbiuki, MP, CBS a leader and an icon for not just the great people of Maara but also the Republic of

Kenya. The visiting dignitary will address the House pursuant to the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi Standing Order 34.

Honourable Members, by way of a letter to the County Assembly referenced **Ref: TNC/GEN/2021/27** dated **11th November, 2021**, the desire of H.E The Governor to address the County Assembly today, 15th December, 2021 was conveyed. Following the receipt of the message from His Excellency regarding the address of this House in line with Standing Order 31 and the County Government Act, 2012 Section 30(2)(k), the House in its Wednesday 15th December, 2021 Morning sitting accordingly resolved that this sitting be held here at the Kathwana Municipality pavilion. I therefore wish to confirm that this sitting is properly constituted in accordance with the Standing Orders and declare this dome a County Assembly Chamber until such a time that the House is adjourned upon the address by His Excellency the Governor

Your Excellency the Governor, honourable Members, it is the custom of the Assembly to recognize invited guests seated at the Speaker's gallery. I therefore wish to accord special recognition to the distinguished guests seated at the Speakers gallery in this order (when I call your name kindly stand and wave):

1. Hon. Sen. Prof. Kithure Kindiki - Senator Tharaka Nithi County
2. Hon. Francis Kagwima - Deputy Governor Tharaka Nithi County
3. Hon. Kareke Mbiuki, MP, CBS - MP Maara Constituency
4. Hon. Gitonga Murugara, MP - MP Tharaka Constituency
5. Hon. Patrick Munene, MP - MP Chuka Igambang'ombe
6. Hon. Beatrice Nkatha, MP - County women representative
7. Ms. Beverly Opwora - County Commissioner
8. - Chief Magistrate
9. Hon. John Mbabu - Speaker of the first County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi
10. Hon. Joseph Kaberia Arimba, MBS, OKB - Speaker of the County Assembly of Meru

11. Hon. Josiah Thiriku Muriithi - Speaker of the County Assembly of Embu
12. Mr. Jacob Kirari - Clerk of the County Assembly of Meru
13. Mr. Jim Kauma - Clerk of the County Assembly of Embu
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The guests are all welcome to the Assembly during this momentous occasion.

Your Excellency, Honourable Members, our distinguished guests and the people of Tharaka Nithi, I wish to note that Parliaments and indeed the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi, are guided by the Standing Orders and parliamentary practices which over time have developed to ensure order and rules of engagements. I therefore wish to spell out the following rules of procedures during this historical sitting of the House:

- i. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 125 Except when passing to and from his or her seat, every Member when in the Chamber shall be seated, and shall not at any time stand in any of the passages and gangways.
- ii. I wish to direct that there shall be no unnecessary movement in and out of the chamber especially when His Excellency the Governor, our visiting dignitary and the Speaker shall rise to address the House.
- iii. Only Uniformed officers of the House shall be allowed in the chamber for purposes of carrying out parliamentary duties Including and enforcing order and the directives of the Speaker.
- iv. All our Parliamentary Broadcasting rules shall apply.
- v. That where our distinguished guests are seated shall be the Speakers row and gallery, while where the members of the public are seated shall be in the intervening period be the public gallery, and like I had earlier directed both galleries shall be part of the House and all the rules shall apply.

Your Excellency the Governor, Honourable Members I wish to again inform you that this House has enacted several pieces of legislation which are already in application by the County Governments this include among others:

- i. Tharaka Nithi county Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020;
- ii. Tharaka Nithi county Supplementary (II) Appropriation Bill, 2020;
- iii. Tharaka Nithi county Appropriation Bill, 2020;
- iv. Tharaka Nithi county Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020;
- v. Tharaka Nithi County Persons with disabilities bill, 2019;
- vi. Tharaka Nithi County Tea Bill, 2019;
- vii. Tharaka Nithi County Traffic and Transport Management Bill, 2020;
- viii. Tharaka Nithi County Reproductive Health Rights Bill, 2020;
- ix. Tharaka Nithi County Flags, Emblems and Name Protection Bill, 2020;
- x. Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Bill, 2020;
- xi. The Tharaka Nithi County Alcoholic Drinks Control Bill, 2020;
- xii. The Tharaka Nithi County Water services Bill, 2020;
- xiii. The Tharaka Nithi County Public Nuisance Bill, 2020;
- xiv. The Tharaka Nithi County E-waste management Bill, 2020;
- xv. The Tharaka Nithi County laws inspectorate, Compliance and Enforcement Bill, 2020;
- xvi. The Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill, 2020;
- xvii. The Tharaka Nithi County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021;
- xviii. The Tharaka Nithi County Appropriation Bill, 2021;
- xix. The Tharaka Nithi County Health Services and Sanitation Bill, 2021;
- xx. The Tharaka Nithi County Finance Bill, 2021;
- xxi. The Tharaka Nithi County Road Asset Management Bill, 2021.

Your Excellency, at the end of this sitting I will also be presenting to you the Tharaka Nithi County Pre-Primary Education Bill for your assent. The Bill provides for the implementation of section 9 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule, Article 43 (1) (f) and Article 53 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment and management of pre- primary schools in order to promote access to basic education.

Your Excellency, I wish on behalf of the Members of the County Assembly to most sincerely thank you and your government for a functional relationship between the executive arm and the legislative arm of the Government that has ensured smooth operation of the Assembly and the entire government. Indeed, that is the calling of a good leader of the people.

Honourable Members, allow me now to accord special recognition to our visiting dignitary Hon. Kareke Mbiuki, MP, CBS the Member of Parliament for Maara Constituency who is here with us today. Within the provisions of Standing Order 34(1) I will allow the visiting dignitary to address the Assembly.

Honourable Members, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 34(2) the visiting dignitary shall be heard in silence and the address shall not be followed by any comment or question.

Your Excellency, honourable Members of the County Assembly, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen it is now my honour and pleasure to invite Hon. Kareke Mbiuki, MP, CBS to address this sitting of the Assembly. (I request that we all be upstanding as the Honourable Member moves to the podium in his honour).

(His Excellency the Governor's address after the visiting dignitary's speech)

Honourable Members and distinguished Guests considering that fact that we are addressing a uniquely placed sitting and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 33(3) His Excellency the Governor shall be heard in silence and the address shall not be followed by any comment or question.

honourable Members, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen it is now my singular honour and privilege to invite His Excellency the Governor of Tharaka Nithi County, Hon. Muthomi Njuki, to address this sitting of the Assembly. (I request that we all be upstanding as the Governor moves to the Podium).

(Adjournment after the Governors address)

Honourable Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 38(1) and the County Assembly Calendar, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 8th February, 2022 at 9.30a.m.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RT. HON. DAVID MBAYA
SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI
15th December, 2021