

Second Assembly

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Fourth Session

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THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI

SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2020 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers (as listed in the appendices)
6. Notices of Motion (as listed in the appendices)
7. Statements
8. **MOTION- APPROVAL OF COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21**

(Chairperson- Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations)

That; pursuant to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 section 117, the Assembly adopts the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2020/21 laid on the Table of the House on 3rd March, 2020 **with amendments.**

9. MOTION-COUNTY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TOWARDS CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

(Hon. Gitari Margaret Mukwanjeru)

AWARE THAT; the coronavirus 2019(Covid-19) outbreak was first reported on 31st December 2019 in Wuhan city of china and continues to spread across the globe.

FURTHER AWARE THAT; H.E. the President of the republic of Kenya issued Executive order No. 2 of 2020 on 28th February 2020 establishing the National Emergency Response Committee to co-ordinate preparedness and response to coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19);

NOTING THAT; the suspected symptoms of COVID-19 include, fever, coughing, difficulty in breathing and sneezing.

FURTHER NOTING; Washing hands frequently using soap or sanitizer gel, covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, not touching eyes, nose and mouth with dirty hands and avoiding close contacts with people suffering from acute respiratory infections are some of the preventive measures

CONCERNED THAT; Since COVID_19 was first reported there are over 100,000 confirmed cases and over 4,000 deaths in 115 countries 12 of which are in Africa with the first case reported in Kenya on 13th March 2020;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT; on 11th March 2020 due to the rapid spread of the outbreak, the World Health Organization declared COVID -19 a PENDING and recommended all countries heighten their preparedness and response interventions;

COGNIZANT THAT; Article 43 (1) (a) of the Kenya Constitution 2010 provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health;

NOW THEREFORE; the County Assembly urges the County Department of Health and Sanitation to;

- i. Continually sensitize the public on precautionary measures of maintaining basic hand and respiratory hygiene, safe food practices and avoiding close contacts with people suffering from acute respiratory infections,
- ii. Ensure that all schools, institutions, health facilities, work places, worship places and bus parks provide soap, detergents or sanitizers and running water for hand washing as a precautionary measure,
- iii. Ensure that there are functional isolation facilities in all hospitals within the county and all COVID-19 cases are treated free of charge,
- iv. Ensure that the medical staff are adequately equipped and trained to deal with the coronavirus,
- v. Ensure compliance with the Government directive of doing away with all social gatherings.

10. PROCEDURAL MOTION-HANDLING OF MESSAGES AND CRITICAL BUSINESS DURING RECESS.

(Hon. Nduyo Susan Ngugi, MCA)

AWARE THAT; the Assembly Standing Order 53(2) provides that if a message is received from the Governor or the Senator of the County, at a time when the Assembly is not in session, the Speaker shall forthwith cause the message to be transmitted to every Member and shall report the message to the Assembly on the day the Assembly next sits;

FURTHER AWARE; of the provisions of Standing Order 53(3) which provide that ‘When a message from the Governor or the Senator of the County is read, the message shall be deemed to have been laid before the Assembly and the Speaker may either-

- (a) direct that the message be dealt with forthwith, or
- (b) appoint a day for the consideration of the message; or
- (c) Refer the message to the relevant Committee of the Assembly for consideration.

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NOTING THAT; the world Health Organization (WHO) on 11th March 2020 declared Coronavirus (COVID-19) a world pandemic and that H.E the President of the Republic of Kenya on Sunday 15th March 2020 declared a ban on all public gatherings for the next 30 days as a way of combatting the risk of spread of the coronavirus;

COGNIZANT THAT; the Assembly is set to proceed for short recess from 18th March 2020 to 7th April 2020 as per the approved Assembly calendar for the Fourth Session;

NOW THEREFORE; for uninterrupted flow of County business the Assembly resolves that the Speaker do refer any communication from the Office of the Governor, Senator, National Assembly, Senate, the County Executive or a petition from a member of the public to the relevant Committee of the Assembly for consideration during the period from 17th March, 2020 to 21st April, 2020.

11. MOTION TO ALTER THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

(Leader of Majority Party)

AWARE THAT; on 25th February, 2020, this House approved the Assembly Calendar for the Fourth Session,

FURTHER AWARE THAT; in accordance to the Assembly Calendar and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 39(3), the House was to proceed for the short recess from Wednesday 18th March, 2020 and resume on 7th April, 2020.

CONCERNED THAT; The World Health Organization (WHO) on 11th March declared Coronavirus (COVID-19) a world pandemic due to its rapid spread;

NOW THEREFORE; notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 39(4) on approval of the House Calendar, County Assembly resolves to alter the adjournment date by adjourning the Assembly on Tuesday 17th March, 2020 and resume on Tuesday 21st April, 2020 at 9.30am.

KEY

**** -Denotes a Majority/Minority Bill

*** -Denotes a Committee Bill

* -Denotes any other Bill

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APPENDICES

PAPERS

1. Report of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the FY 2020/21.
(Chairperson- Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations)
2. Tharaka Nithi County Executive Supplementary Budget II for the Financial Year 2019/20.
3. Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Supplementary Budget II for the Financial Year 2019/20.

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