



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI**  
**SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)**  
**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Honorable Members,**

It is my pleasure to welcome you back from the Short recess of the last part of the current session which as you are all aware ends in December of this year. Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic it is my sincere hope that you all had a pleasant recess.

**Honorable Members,**

In continuing to exercise our mandate, it is my heartfelt expectation that we will see more business transacted by the House during this last part. As we resume sittings, let us all be aware that there is business still pending before the House as the following Bills are at Second Reading stage;

- i. Tharaka Nithi County Public Nuisance Bill, 2019
- ii. Tharaka Nithi County Alcoholic Drinks Control (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- iii. Tharaka Nithi County Traffic and Transport Management Bill, 2020
- iv. Tharaka Nithi County E-Waste Management Bill, 2020
- v. Tharaka Nithi County Reproductive Health Rights Bill, 2020
- vi. Tharaka Nithi County Livestock Sales Yard Bill, 2020
- vii. Tharaka Nithi County Pre-Primary Education Bill, 2020
- viii. Tharaka Nithi County Laws Inspectorate Compliance and Enforcement Bill, 2020
- ix. Tharaka Nithi County Disaster Management Bill, 2020
- x. The Tharaka Nithi County Youth empowerment Bill, 2020

xi. The Tharaka Nithi County Flags, Emblems and Names protection Bill, 2020

It is my sincere hope that the same zeal and dedication that you have shown in handling business before the Assembly will be exhibited as we seek to fully exercise the County Assembly role of oversight, representation and legislation.

**Honorable Members,**

It is my privilege to inform you that the Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited has been registered pursuant to the cooperative societies Act by the Cooperative Society Department. The Members of the County Assembly interested in joining the Sacco can do so through the office of the Clerk.

**Honorable Members,**

As you aware the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is with us and it is the duty of every Citizen to comply with and follow the guidelines and measures issued by the National Government as it puts measures to protect the lives of its citizens from this Covid-19.

In my previous communication on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 I issued guidelines to be observed by the Members of the County Assembly and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic Period that still remain in force until further guidelines are issued.

As you are aware the COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique challenges on how the Assembly conducts its legislative mandate as set out under the Constitution of Kenya. The County Assembly in an effort to digitize its operations and in discharging its legislative mandate as stipulated under Article 185 of the constitution of Kenya, 2010 and contain the spread of the COVID-19, developed a policy framework on holding virtual committee and assembly sittings.

In light of the above, I urge the Honorable Members to transact business remotely where possible.

**Honorable Members,**

I urge you and members of staff to continue observing the Ministry of Health guidelines on social distancing, usage of masks and other hygiene measures since we are in unprecedented times, and have to be ready to conduct ourselves in new ways.

**Honorable Members,**

I wish you all the best as you continue to fulfill your mandate.

I thank you.

**HON. DAVID MBAYA JOHN**  
**SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI**

**17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**