



**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI**

**SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**ORDER PAPER**

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- 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 Corona virus,
- v. Ensure compliance with the Government directive of doing away with all social gatherings.

**APPRECIATING THAT;** the National Government through the National Emergency Response Committee on Corona virus(NERC) has taken various policy measures, Interventions and issued guidelines aimed at containing the spread of the Corona Virus while cushioning Kenyans against adverse economic effects mainly through imposing travel restrictions, suspension of learning in all institutions, allowing people to work from home, banning of public gathering while encouraging people to wear mask in public places and imposing curfew from 7.00pm to 5.00am.

**COGNIZANT THAT;** that Articles 176 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 establishes County Governments consisting of the County Executive and the County Assembly. Further Article 185 of the constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that the legislative authority of a county is vested in, and exercised by its county assembly to make any laws that are necessary for, or incidental to, the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the county governments under the fourth schedule;

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**RECOGNIZING,** the need for an integrated and multi-sectoral intervention at all arms of the County Government and other sectors within the society towards a harmonized comprehensive response to the pandemic.

**NOW THEREFORE**, conscious of the need to compliment the National Government and the County Government in containing the spread of the Pandemic the County Assembly resolves to;

- i. Call upon the County Government to expand the membership of the County response committee on Corona virus to include representation from the County Assembly;
- ii. Establish a COVID-19 Implementation and Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee of the County Assembly to oversight the actions and measures taken by the County Government, as provided for under Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, in addressing the preparedness to combat the spread and effects of COVID-19 and its functions shall be to investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to COVID-19 and review County Legislation on the following among other matters-
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(The Leader of the Majority Party)

**THAT**, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 39(4), this house **resolves to further alter** its *Calendar (Regular sessions)* for the Fourth Session (2020), as amended through the resolution of the Assembly on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 so as to-

- a. Adjourn the sittings of the Assembly from Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020;
- b. Hold the next sitting during the *First part* of the Session on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 starting at 9.30 am.

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**STATEMENTS**

**STATEMENT ON ISSUANCE OF FARM INPUTS**

(Hon. Muchiri Godfrey Murithi, MCA)

Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.55 (1) (a) to seek a statement from the Chairperson committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the plans that the Department of Agriculture has put in place to issue and distribute seedlings for planting during this season.

During this period of the Corona virus pandemic, the County Government should put in place mechanisms for distribution of seedlings to farmers as budgeted for in the FY2019/2020 by ensuring farmers are well equipped with farm inputs.

In the statement, the chairperson should respond to the following:

- i. Why has the department not issued the farm inputs and the rains have already began;
- ii. What are the types of seedlings and varieties to be issued;
- iii. How will the distribution of the farm inputs be coordinated;
- iv. What is the Agriculture department doing to ensure that the County is not hit by food shortage due to the corona virus pandemic.