

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYAMIRA THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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# COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE SECOND ASSEMBLY FIRST ANNIVERSARY

### "Honorable Members,

This month marks an important milestone in our Second Assembly. It marks our first Anniversary since assumption of Office. As your Speaker I am proud of each of you singularly and collectively for the far we have come together. We have had our highs and lows. We have laughed together and lamented together. Our strength and unity have been tested but we have emerged stronger.

# Honorable Members,

Every morning I set off from my home to the office, I am reminded of the great honour and immense trust you bestowed upon me on the **7**<sup>th</sup> of **September**, **2017**. It is even more humbling that you have maintained that trust and confidence in me one year down the lane.

Together, we have had to make very tough decisions touching on the operations of this esteemed County Assembly and the entire County. There have been times I have had to take singular responsibility for such decisions; that is the expectation of this office. You have not let me down even a bit. I thank you and honour you for that.

As the Chairman of the County Assembly Service Board, I have received tremendous support. I appreciate all the Board Members for the continued support and cooperation.

My dear Members of the House Leadership; where would we be without your support? You have steered the business of this honorable House in such a manner that one would easily forget that Members are drawn from different political parties. This House has been such a wonderful family.

Our House Committees have done commendable work in the discharge of respective responsibilities.

#### Honorable Members,

Allow me to acknowledge the ladies and gentlemen that work tirelessly behind the curtains to ensure that we all succeed; our members of staff. Our staff has endeavored to exhibit professionalism in the discharge of their duties. There has been a fairly distinct line between the administrative and political wing of the County Assembly. This should be encouraged.

The Members of the public have apportioned us blame and praise in equal measure. I believe all this is geared towards making us better. We should take constructive criticism positively.

The Press has been an important partner. The Assembly as an institution has been open and receptive to our brothers and sisters from the Fourth Estate. We welcome an even stronger partnership.

The County Executive has been (to a large extent) cooperative but we can all do better. We are one unit. We are the County Government of Nyamira.

# Honorable Members,

Let me now point out that we still have some way to go in order to reach where we all desire as an institution. For instance, we have dispensed with the following bills;

- i. The Nyamira County Supplementary Appropriation Bill,2018
- ii. The Nyamira County Supplementary Appropriation Bill,2018 (Ammendment)
- iii. The Nyamira County Finance Bill, 2018
- iv. The Nyamira County Supplementary Appropriation Bill(No.2),2018
- v. The Nyamira County Appropriation Bill,2018
- vi. The Nyamira County Finance Bill,2018
- vii. The Nyamira County Revenue Administration Bill, 2018 (ongoing)
- viii. The Nyamira County Revenue Authority Bill, 2018 (ongoing)

I dare say that this is an area we can improve on. Our legislative strength is gauged against the number of impactful laws we enact. However; I am proud of the fact that we have done exemplary well in the number of reports that have been adopted in the Assembly among other pieces of legislation. Bravo members and may we never look back.

#### Honorable Members.

Allow me as I conclude my remarks to enumerate the gains we have made so far:

- 1. We have laid the foundation for a transformative ultra-modern office block that will host all MCAs and Staff. The block will also have other complimentary social amenities. Meanwhile, there have been several infrastructural improvements.
- 2. The Members of staff have access to car loan and mortgage at affordable rates as prescribed by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission
- 3. All honorable Members and staff are paid their salaries and allowances through IFMIS. Money is channeled directly to individual accounts
- **4.** Offices have been furnished with enough furniture for staff to provide an enabling working environment.
- 5. The Assembly has a fairly well furnished and equipped library with a more spacious one set to be situated in the upcoming Office Block
- **6.** The former West-Mugirango CDF office has been converted to a standard Boardroom, Procurement Office and Store
- 7. There is equity and fairness in resource distribution. One does not need a God-figure to get their deserved entitlement. There is a greater appreciation of professionalism.
- **8.** There is a greatly improved staff attitude; all staff have job IDs and tags for easy identification. There is an impressive personal presentation of formally dressed staff and courteous in service delivery.

- **9.** There has been a deliberate effort to brand the County Assembly. All honorable Members have branded caps and T-Shirts with their names emblazoned on them.
- 10. There is full support for sports activities in the Assembly. The entire Assembly was facilitated to participate in the inaugural CASA Sports and Culture Competition.
- 11. There has been establishment of a County Assembly Choir that will be available to perform in various entertainment and official functions.
- 12. There is objective staff reorganization aimed at exploiting individual potential and creating room for individual growth as a result of relevant placement.
- 13. There is an appraisal system that would make it possible for staff promotions. All staff are also entitled to capacity-enhancement trainings per Financial Year
- **14.** There is a stronger and more vibrant oversight of the County Executive. There is a deliberate endeavor to cooperate with the Executive in service to the people
- 15. There are spacious and sufficiently furnished Offices of the Deputy Speaker, Leader of Majority, Leader of Minority and the Clerk

# Honorable Members,

Our achievements are a testimony of our determination to succeed and move our County forward. I beseech you that we do not relent on this journey that we started together. I promise you my continued support and I will always consult with you on how we can sail greater heights together.

I wish you all the best in your service to the electorate and the residents of Nyamira and may it please you to know that I have no iota of doubt that you are up to the task. Let us harness our strengths for greater prosperity. May God bless the County Assembly of Nyamira. May God bless the County of Nyamira.

I Thank You."

THE HON. MOFFAT TEYA
THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA

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