

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY - (SECOND SESSION) ORDERS OF THE DAY THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018 AT 2.30 P.M.

## **PRAYERS**

- 1. Administration of oath;
- 2. Communication from the chair;
- **3.** Messages;
- 4. Petitions;
- **5.** Papers;
- 6. Notices of Motions;
- 7. Statements;
  - i. Schedule of Committee Sittings and Plenary for the week ending on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. (*Designated member of the County Assembly House Business Committee*)
  - ii. Statement request on the Status of health facilities in Kitui County
    - (Hon. Johnson Kanandu)

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# 8. \*. MOTION ON CHARCOAL TRADE IN KITUI COUNTY(MINORITY PARTY LEADER)

**AWARE** that Kitui forest cover is only 35,556 hectares out of 30,000,000 hectares which is only 1% of the landmass cover;

**CONCERNED** that continued clearing of forests for charcoal production will deplete all available stocks to a point where there will be no more trees left in such areas like Mutitu, Endau, Ikutha, Mutomo and Yatta wards;

**NOTING** that the County has opportunities to explore alternative energy sources such as exploration of coal for power generation at the Mui basin and that the Mwingi-Kitui plateau where access to electricity is very low yet the region lies in an area with good wind potential for generation of wind energy which can be used to generate electricity for industries;

**FURTHER** concerned that even after the recent ban on commercial charcoal burning and trade are being ignored with impunity by cartels and the police;

**AFRAID** that the continued conflicts between traders and communities can ignite civil unrest as witnessed in the last few days.

### THIS HOUSE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- That we adopt the County Government's policy and directive to ban commercial burning and trade of charcoal within the County;
- ii. That the National Government, which is in charge of security, enforces the ban on charcoal burning and trading;

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iii. The County Government to urgently develop a framework to ensure the people in the affected areas have sustainable livelihoods away from charcoal burning;

iv. To fully support any budgetary allocations that will support this sustainable livelihood framework.

(Hon. John Mutuku Mbaki Kisangau - M.C.A.)

\*Denotes order of the day\*