

SECOND ASSEMBLY
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THIRD SESSION
(068)



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL, 2019 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. The House convened at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a prayer.
3. PRESIDING - Hon. Speaker on the chair.
4. PAPERS

The following paper was laid on the table of the Assembly;

- i. Report by the County Assembly Committees on County inspection tour on project funded by the County Government of Kitui and service3 delivery across the County.
5. NOTICE OF MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON COUNTY INSPECTION EXERCISE ON PROJECTS FUNDED BY COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI AND SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS THE COUNTY,

(Chairperson Liason Committee)

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THAT, Pursuant to provisions of Article 185 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 8 and 9 of the County Government Act, 2012 and provision of Standing Order No. 179 (6), this Assembly hereby adopts the reports by County Assembly committees on County Inspection exercise on projects funded by County Government of Kitui and service delivery across the County laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday 2nd April, 2019.

6.NOTICE OF MOTION ON MUGUKA BAN (*Hon. Ruth Kyene- MCA Nzambani Ward*).

Aware that Muguka is a plant whose residue leaves are chewed to elicit a stimulant effect;

Further aware that, the drug is a cheaper and more intoxicating alternative compared to other existing drugs and that it is widely distributed in the Country thereby making it readily available to our youth;

Concerned that, statistics show Muguka is one of the most recklessly abused drugs in Kenya in addition to being one of the key substances that have ruined the lives of the youth in Kitui County and the country as a whole;

Further Concerned that Muguka has adverse long term effects on the health of the users key among them being, weight loss, decreased sex drive, dental problems and insomnia;

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Noting that the youth have become addicted to chewing Muguka and spend most of their time idling in the Muguka bases rather than utilizing their time doing positive productive ventures. The drug has also contributed to the declining number of new births within the county since the youth are not focused on starting families while some of them have become impotent;

Further noting that, the stimulant impairs the youths' judgement thereby exposing them to vices such as crime, homosexuality and betting. Also the stimulant usage has contributed to the increased number of motor vehicle and motorbike accidents since the youth operate them when high and under the influence;

Alarmed that despite its vicious effects on the users, the National Agency for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NACADA) has not done anything to control the farming, sell, distribution and usage of Muguka;

THEREFORE, this assembly hereby resolves that;

- I. The County Ministry of Trade, Co-operatives and Investments through its County Executive Committee Member, should develop a comprehensive policy document and legislation that will govern and control the farming, trade and sale of Muguka within the county. The policy framework should provide inter alia for;

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- a) The regulation of hours during which the use and trade of Muguka and Khat is authorized or give conditions for an absolute ban if that will be the case;
- b) Regulation of the farming of Khat and muguka within Kitui County;
- c) Designated areas where muguka or khat trade can be conducted;
- d) Formation of muguka or khat traders' association. This will enable the County Government to be able to reach them easily for stakeholders meetings;
- e) Undertaking of awareness meetings with the different groups affected by the trade and use of Muguka or Khat;
- f) The administrative channels of handling the regulation of muguka and khat;
- g) Development of rehabilitation centers for persons affected by the use and abuse of muguka, khat, alcohol and other illicit substances;
- h) Prescription of offences relating to the regulation of muguka and or khat;
- i) Ways through which the County Government can develop alternative avenues through which the affected families can earn their livelihood;

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- j) Ways in which the existing county resource Centres and county village polytechnics can be used as an avenue for youth engagement in order to reduce the level of idleness which leads the youth to be involved in drug and substance abuse;
- k) Ways through which the County Government can use sports as a way of nurturing talent and keeping the youth busy to prevent them from engaging in substance use and abuse.

7. ADJOURNMENT - And the time being Quarter to Three O'clock, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House.

8. ASSEMBLY ROSE- at Quarter to Three O'clock.

Memorandum

*The Honorable Speaker will take the chair on
Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019 at 9.00 A.M.*

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