



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY, 2019 AT 9.00 A.M.

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath;
2. Communication from the Chair;
3. Messages;
4. Petitions;
5. Papers;
6. Notices of Motions;
7. Statements;

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

8.*. MOTION ON THE REGULATION OF FARMING, TRADE AND USAGE OF MUGUKA WITHIN KITUI COUNTY.

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

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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;

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;

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- 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;
 - 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 centres 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;
 - j) Ways in which the existing County Resource Centres and County Village Polytechnics can be used as an avenue for youth engagement in order

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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.

(HON.RUTH KYENE – M.C.A – NZAMBANI WARD)

****Denotes order of the day****
