



**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI**

**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016 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;

**COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS**

**8.\*. MOTION ON EMPOWERING THE YOUTH IN KITUI COUNTY – MEMBER, KITUI TOWNSHIP WARD**

**CONCERNED THAT**, Kenya's youth population is swelling at a high rate and there are many idling youth who, if given the required support can contribute meaningfully to the County Development.

**FURTHER CONCERNED THAT**, large numbers of unemployed, poor, frustrated and unskilled youth undermine prosperity, and could pose a significant risk to the County stability, and fall prey to falsehoods spread by extremists and fanatic groups.

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**AWARE THAT,** that Article 21(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates all state organs and all the public officers the duty to address the needs of the youth among other vulnerable groups within the society.

**FURTHER AWARE THAT,** the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, part 2(9) empowers County governments to invest in village polytechnics and home craft centres to give youth the appropriate education and skills that will enable them to participate in the economy and provide the needed labor for its growth.

**CONVINCED THAT,** County Government should ensure active participation of youth in the County development; where there is need, the youth to be supported and encouraged by both governments, private sector, civil society and their parents.

**PERSUADED THAT,** the County Government Act, 2012 Section 6(3) provides for the County Government to enter into partnerships with any public or private organization in accordance with the provisions of any law relating to public or private partnership for any work.

**COGNIZANT THAT,** the youth represent the most abundant asset Kenya has and will have in the near future.

**FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT,** the County Government has prioritized the need to employ qualified doctors, engineers, economists, journalists, plumbers, and tailors, among other semi-skilled and skilled professionals to lead us to our development aspirations.

**NOTING THAT,** the youth are, and will remain, a significant share of Kenya's population for the near future.

**FURTHER NOTING THAT,** developing and implementing appropriate strategies, policies and programmes to mitigate the risks and challenges the youth in the County face must be much more of a priority for the Government than it currently is.

**OBSERVING THAT,** any failure to provide appropriate opportunities for this large segment of the population could have enormous economic, political, cultural, and social consequences. Engaging the County youth's population fully is therefore no longer a choice but an imperative in the development process.

**I urge this House to resolve that:**

1. The County Government in efforts to empower youth should through;
  - a. The Ministry of Basic Education, Training and Skills Development should establish an Annual County Education Revolving Fund in collaboration with Higher Education Loan Board (HELB) as way of financing our youth to attain higher education at subsidized cost.

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- b. The Ministry of Youth, Culture, Sports and Social Services to formulate a "Policy on Youth and Women Enterprise Fund" on revolving basis to sustainably empower the Youth through the provision of grants and loans to better themselves.
2. The County Government in efforts to provide for active participation of youth in County Development should collaborate with public and private institutions to secure opportunities for youth to; gain meaningful employment and attain requisite skills.

Further, the Ministry of Basic education, Training and Skills Development should:

- a. Create databanks of youth in formal & informal sectors in the County so as to detail youth occupational statistics;
  - b. Engage un-employed, un-qualified and/or un-skilled youth through trainings and "on-the-job" experiences by sourcing for internships and capacity building forums in all sectors.
3. The County Government to prioritize an increase of labor-oriented projects that provide income generating opportunities for youth, and at the same time, enhance the communities' access to social and economic infrastructure.
  4. The County Government to strengthen efforts to include young people in policy formulation and decision-making processes especially as pertains to issues on Youth Programs.

*(Hon. Daniel Ngoima)*

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