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Hon Speaker leaves the Chair briefly (Deputy Speaker Ednald K. Kingori in the Chair)

Motion by Hon Michael N. Kirumba on County Symbols.

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, having given notice of the motion I beg to move the following motion:

Aware that all County Governments are required to enact a Legislation, which is pursuant to county Government Act 2012 sec. 4 on County symbols:

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Being concerned that the said instruments which are very important to distinguish Nyandarua County from other counties have not been put in place. Further concerned that to date there is no indication that the process is being undertaken.

This House ,do urge the Executive to urgently develop the said instruments through a consultative process for approval by this house through legislation so as to ensure the use of the said County symbols in the same manner as provided for in the National Flag, Emblems and names Act (cap 99) and give this County identity that it calls for.

HON. Michael N. Kirumba

MCA -- KIPIPIRI

Mr. Speaker Sir, this motion is trigger intended. Mr. Speaker my concern and the concern and the concern of this motion of this motion is that there are some issues that need to be in place or rather some process that is going on and that is the premise on which this motion is really trying to address. You will notice that from the County Government Act the Assembly has a role to legislate. We all know all over that these instruments form part of harmonizing and putting patriotism, instilling discipline into the peoples of the countries and counties concern. And realizing what we noted of late, we think this motion is purely for the purpose of letting somebody who is sleeping on the job wake up. We may find ourselves in a situation where we don't have the instruments that we need to. We will paralyze the entire County just because of a commission or omission of somebody. We are aware that some counties already have finalized on this urgent matter. Mr speaker, counties like Nandi already have had this process through. We are yet to be to. Are we putting these things in place?. Mr Speaker, if you look at it, it may look like not a very big issue but this is one thing that can put all what we are doing here into disarray if it should be interpreted as being unconstitutional. We will have wasted all the energy and time just because of not meeting a basic constitutional thresh hood. Then ,therefore Mr. speaker, having seen that you notice that in areas where you have major events, national world events , the hoisting of the flag normally has an impact and that unity and that drive that you receive from the people of that area is what these instruments are really meant to do. And this Mr. speaker is something that may appear, to repeat ,may appear as an omission but realizing that that is required to be done be done. And of course Mr. speaker we are not lost to what we noted of late . We are aware when we were doing the appropriation Bill . We know what we saw, what we witnessed and we just witnessed things going haywire People or whoever is supposed to do what he is supposed to do is not like toying the line. To avoid that the blame game, the blame game we will have to stop at some place. So Mr. speaker this one is not like an any other motion that we have. This is like a house keeping motion.This is

a like motion that because it could not have gone through to the executive through another manner other than a motion. This is because it could not just go without going on record rest we find ourselves in a situation where we cannot really get out. It was puerel meant to go through the process so that somebody knows we really know something needs to be done. So unlike any other motion I call the leader of the majority to second this motion.

Leader of Majority Mwangi Gichuki MCA (ENGINEER)

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this motion on the county flag, coat of arms and county seal. Mr speaker the critical important thing to understand is that we are a government and there is no one government that operates without this important symbols the flag, the coat of arm and the seal.

Mr Speaker ,I think as of now we are really on an illegality in the sense that whatever business we are transacting and this business do not have the county seal then Mr. Speaker I think there is everything wrong with that and we really need to avoid situations where our government is going to transact business then that particular business is invalidated out of simple issues that should have been done long time ago. Like the mover states Mr. Speaker, we know all counties are required and I agree but I don' think Nyandarua should be rated alongside Turkana where Turkana has been able to do this simple basic things (procurements) . Mr Speaker I think its time that our Executive looks into this and addresses these simple concerns which dig into the ability and capacity of our county.

May be the only concern Mr Speaker that we really must address as they do this is if we are to go by the National Assembly Mr Speaker under the various church symbols and organs that have been in our society for quite long and if we are to go Mr. Speaker alongside the investigative report by Bishop Gitari and Njoya that really looked into the symbols of related to the devil worshipping mr. speaker we would wish to put it to our County executive that as it looks for the best coat of arms ,as it looks for the flag for this county and as it decides on the symbols to put into our county seal it must exhaust all these particular reports and ensure that none of the symbols that were cited as a reflection of devil worshipping is within either our flag, our court of arms or our the county seal because Mr. Speaker it is agreed that Nyandarua is more not more Nyandarua is a Christian county, Faith based and we have no association with the devil at any cost. So this should be well taken and maybe our Executive to take note that these things requires to be attended to urgently Mr. speaker. I support this motion as the mover is puuting it is more of an in-house issue where the executive is being triggered to do what it should really have done very long time ago. Thank you Mr Speaker I support the motion.

Speaker :Hon Members having the motion duly moved and seconded, I now propose the question

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the said County symbols in the same manner as provided for in the National Flag, Emblems and names Act (cap 99) and give this County identity that it calls for.

Hon Kariuki Muchiri (Murungaru)

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support this motion Mr Speaker sir that actually we need to know the action that the executive is taking because I think it is not in order for us to continue without knowing whether we a county flag, a county coat of arms and logo and a county seal Mr. speaker sir. So Mr Sir, as the mover of this motion cited is to trigger the executive to make certain that we have these instruments and Mr. Speaker Sir it is in order so that we can also talk without authority that the said instruments are in place. So Mr. Speaker Sir I do support this motion and by the reaction of the members and the mood of the members Mr Speaker Sir, I do call I do call upon the mover of this motion to respond.

Hon Kirumba: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, We knew from the word go that this is a house keeping motion. It is really meant to let people wake up if they are sleeping. And all I have to do then therefore Mr. speaker sir is to thank all members for really supporting and contributing to this motion.

Speaker: Hon Members having exhaustively discussed this motion, I now put the question

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Speaker: Honourable members I now put the question. Will as many as of the same opinion say Aye and Will as Many as of the contrary opinion say Nay. The Ayes have it. This motion is now part of this House and I now call upon the clerk to communicate to the relevant county Executive of this and deliberate this. **Next Order.**

Clerk: There is no other order.

Speaker: Having no other order, this house adjourns until 2.30 Pm.

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