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ORDERS OF THE DAY

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH, 2024 AT 2:30 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
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7. Statements
- 8*. **MOTION**

Hon Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;

THAT AWARE that, control of drugs is the function of the County Government according to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya. The use of this plant (khat) has bothered many people and its use has negatively affected both the young and the older population.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Khat (Miraa), is the most commonly abused drug in Garissa County which has acted as a gateway to the use of other drugs such as Bhang and other dangerous pills.

CONCERNED THAT, the leaves of the khat plant contain psychoactive compounds, and chewing them can produce stimulant effects. The legal status and public perception of khat vary

widely across different regions and countries. Some areas have banned or regulated its use due to concerns about its potential health effects and its social implications.

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT, consumption of Miraa has contributed to social ills in the local population including breakup of families, reduced productivity, draining of family income, school dropout and drop in academic performance in schools.

NOTING THAT, many of the studies done and the observed includes family instability because of draining on family resources and the lack of care and attention on the part of the chewer for his family members, reduced work productivity as a result of absentee tardiness and the generally depressed mood of the khat chewer. The preoccupation with the attainment and use of khat, and the neglect of all other community activities is evident to a large extent possible.

APPRECIATING THAT, Miraa sale is the economic mainstay of many small scale traders in the County who have earned a living and educated their children but worried that. lack of regulations on the sale and consumption of Miraa in the County will negatively affect the locals;

Now Therefore, This County Assembly urges the County Executive Committee Member responsible for trade matters to establish measures to regulate the sale and consumption of Miraa taking into consideration:

1. Licensing of traders, time of sale and consumption, designated places for sale and consumption and ages of the consumer.
2. The county should also leverage on the social media and other online platforms to reach the youth with tailored prevention programs and regular factual messaging to counter myths, misinformation, and misconceptions related to alcohol, drugs, and substances of abuse.

HON ADOW OMAR SAID- MCA HULUGHO WARD