

## REPUBLIC OF KENYA MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY SECOND ASSEMBLY (FOURTH SESSION) ORDERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 11, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SITTING

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## PRAYERS.

- 1. Communication from the Chair
- 2. Administration of Oath
- 3. Messages
- 4. Petitions
- 5. Papers
- 6. Notice of Motion
- 7. Statements

## 8\* MOTION - SOIL TESTING

(Hon. Ann Kigo – Nominate MCA)

**AWARE** that food security is one of the key objectives of the agricultural sector under Vision 2030, further aware that attainment of food security is linked to effective soil management practices such as soil testing, recognizing that soil testing plays a significant role in optimizing crop production and nutrient management, cognizant of the fact that soil is the most valuable natural resource supporting agricultural based livelihoods in our County, alive to the fact that an agronomic survey and soil health diagnosis was conducted by the **International Council for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF)** alongside other partners in Maragua Constituency, in 2019, deeply concerned that in most parts of Murang'a County, there is a general decline in soil fertility arising from unsustainable agricultural practices such as soil erosion, soil compaction, over reliance on acidifying fertilizers among others, noting the need to improve yields for smallholder farmers in our County; **this Honorable House**, urges the County Executive Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries;

- 1. To re-engage ICRAF and related partners who conducted soil diagnostics in 2019 in Maragua Constituency, to extend their survey to other areas of the County where prominent crops such as tea, coffee and avocados are cultivated.
- 2. To submit to this County Assembly a report of the agronomic survey conducted by the World Agroforestry in Maragua Constituency in 2019.
- 3. To invest in robust extension services/programs to sensitize farmers on the significance of taking care of soil health.

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