



REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU**  
**SECOND ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 AT 2.30 P.M.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**PRAYERS**

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

**8\*. MOTION - RECOGNITION OF SHONA PEOPLE A STATELESS  
COMMUNITY LIVING IN THE COUNTY**

*(Hon. Samuel Kimani, MCA)*

**THAT AWARE** that the ethnic community of Shona migrated to Kenya from Zimbabwe in early 1960s as missionaries and founded the Gospel of God Church, a registered Christian denomination which has presence in over 26 counties in Kenya;

**FURTHER AWARE** that the population of the said community is currently approximated to be 2000 people spread across Kinoo, Muguga, Gitaru and Githurai Wards, with about 85% of their descendants having been born and raised in Kiambu County and Nairobi City County; **Observing** that the Shona people mainly earn their living through weaving, carpentry and casual jobs;

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**CONCERNED** that the Shona people have lived undignified lives and experienced numerous challenges due to lack of legal identity documents such as birth certificates, identity cards or passports since they are stateless. This has exposed them to human rights violations like police harassment; impedes on their freedom of movement, and lack of access to government and private services. Further, they cannot register a business or enter the formal job market, own property, access education, healthcare, financial services, and relief supplies among others;

**DEEPLY DISTURBED** that the children of the Shona community do not enjoy their right to education at any level despite Kenya having ratified the Convention on the Right of the Child and, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child treaties which obligate the state to give nationality to all stateless children born on its territory; Furthermore, Article 53 of the Constitution and the Children Act, 2001 guarantees children right to nationality, basic education, health care and protection;

**APPRECIATING** that the Shona community have integrated with the local communities through marriage and recognizing them would enrich the cultural heritage of Kiambu County through their dressing, songs, artistic skills of weaving and carpentry;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that immigration and citizenship is a function of the National Government under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution; **taking into account** that sections 15 and 17 of the Citizenship and Immigrations Act stipulate that stateless persons who have lived in Kenya continuously since the date of independence and their descendants, can acquire Kenyan citizenship by registration; **further recalling that** that the 7 years extension deadline for the registration of stateless communities living in Kenya through the amendments of the above Statutes is fast approaching;

**GUIDED BY** the principles of the intergovernmental relations structure and in particular, the requirement for consultation and cooperation as provided under Article 6(2) of the Constitution as well as institutionalized protection of marginalized groups; **this Assembly** therefore urges both levels of government through the relevant Organs to:

- i.) Recognize the existence of the Shona community and their contribution to the County of Kiambu and the Republic of Kenya; and,
- ii.) Take urgent legal and/or administrative measures to address the plights of this Community including granting them Kenyan citizenship so as to ensure that their children born in Kiambu County are registered in order to access education, health care in case of admission to hospital and other public services.

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**\*Denotes Order of the Day**

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