



## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

### **PRESS RELEASE ON THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

The Council of Governors would like to appeal to all Kenyans- political leaders, religious leaders, the private sector, and citizens at large- to remain calm as we gear up to the presidential election scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Significant strides have been made in agriculture, health, water and roads since the inception of devolved governments in 2013. These gains have to be safeguarded for this and generations to come. We must remain cognizant of this one thing- that our actions for today, will have consequences for tomorrow.

Kenya is rising. Kenya is thriving. All of us have a duty to ensure that the country transits seamlessly to the next regime. The Council, just like all other Kenyans, would like to bear witness to an electoral process that is free, fair credible and peaceful. Sobriety must be exercised during this period; that despite the current political impasse pitting two main political forces and the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), we shall remain united as a country. Our leaders have no option but to dialogue and pull the country and the citizens in a direction that assures we remain united.

As we speak, provision of services in the Counties has been negatively affected due to delayed disbursement of funds. Our ultimate desire is that Kenyans continue accessing basic services irrespective of the political situation in the country. The Council emphasizes that the objects and principles of devolution must continue to be promoted. Kenya's constitutional values and freedoms must be protected.

Let us all strive to protect the lives and property of fellow Kenyans. Kenya will be here today, tomorrow, and after. We all have a duty to preserve the economic and social successes we have achieved. Let us not be divided by partisan politics.

The Council calls on all Kenyans to maintain peace in this period. Our Constitution obligates us to practice equality, social justice, rule of law and be accommodative of each other. Let us remain faithful to this Constitution and its aspirations. The Council prays that Kenya, as a nation, will emerge victorious during and after 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

*Signed:*

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