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**THE KIRINYAGA COUNTY FLAG AND OTHER SYMBOLS ACT,
2019**

No. 1A of 2019

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**THE KIRINYAGA COUNTY FLAG AND OTHER SYMBOLS ACT,
2019**

**AN ACT of the County Assembly of Kirinyaga to provide for the
County flag and other symbols and to prevent the improper use of
the County symbols, and for matters incidental thereto**

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Kirinyaga, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Kirinyaga County Flag and Other Symbols Act, 2019.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Coat of Arms” means the coat of arms of Kirinyaga County declared in section 3;

“County Flag” means the flag of Kirinyaga County declared in section 3;

“Executive Committee Member” means the Executive Committee Member responsible for matters related to Public Service and Administration;

“symbol” means any emblem, seal, flag, pennant, insignia, ensign or coat-of-arms of a kind specified in the First Schedule to this Act.

County Flag and Other Symbols declared

3. (1) The flag of which the designs and descriptions are set out in Part I of the First Schedule to this Act is hereby declared to be the Flag of Kirinyaga County.

(2) The coat of arms of which the blazon and description are set out in part II of the First Schedule to the Act is hereby declared to be the Coat of Arms of Kirinyaga County.

(3) The seal of which the design is set out in Part III of the First Schedule to this Act is hereby declared to be the Public Seal of Kirinyaga County.

Prohibition of improper use of County Flag and Other Symbols

4. (1) No person shall except with the written permission of, the Executive Committee Member—

- (a) use the county flag and symbols, or any colourable imitation thereof, in furtherance of, or display the same as an

- advertisement for, any trade, business, calling or profession;
- (b) use any specified emblem, or any colourable imitation thereof, in the title of any patent, or in any trade mark or designs; or
 - (c) manufacture or import any article or good bearing any specified emblem, specified name or specified likeness, or any article or goods on which any title, trademark or design is used in contravention of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(2) Sub-section 1(a) shall not apply to the publication of a *bona fide* news item or to the publication in a newspaper of any article connected with any bona fide news items other than a news item in the furtherance of, or as an advertisement for, any trade business calling or profession.

(3) Any permission given under sub-section (1) may be given subject to such conditions as the Executive Committee Member may deem fit.

Offences

5. A person who shows disrespect, in speech, manner or writing, to or with reference to the County Flag, or to any symbol or any representation thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding thirty thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both.

Use of County flag by certain County officials

6. The officials set out in the Second Schedule may hoist the County Flag on their vehicles.

Regulations

7. The Executive Committee Member may make regulations—

- (a) prescribing the occasions upon which, the persons by whom and the manner in which the County Flag may be flown or displayed, as the case may be;
- (b) prohibiting, controlling or restricting the use of any specified County symbol, specified likeness or specified name;
- (c) regulating the manner in which application may be made to him or her for permission under section 4 of this Act, prescribing the form of any license by which such permission may be given and fixing any fee for such application and license; or
- (d) generally for carrying this Act into effect.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(s. 3)

PART I**County Flag****DESCRIPTION**

The flag is rectangular in shape, consisting of the following elements—

- (a) the County coat of arms in the middle;
- (b) Green represents the agricultural heritage of Kirinyaga County;
- (c) White represents the peaceful co-existence of the residents of Kirinyaga County; and
- (d) Yellow represents the rising aspects of Kirinyaga County.

PART II**County Coat of Arms****DESCRIPTION:**

The County Coat of Arms has the following elements—

- (a) the sun is the rising of a new season;

- (b) the mountain is Mount Kenya, the dwelling place of God among the people;
- (c) tea, coffee and rice represents agricultural productivity; and
- (d) four stars represent the four sub counties.

MOTTO: Kirinyaga Rising.

PART III

County Public Seal



SECOND SCHEDULE

(s.8)

**COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO MAY FLY THE COUNTY FLAG ON
OFFICIAL VEHICLES**

1. The following officials may fly the County flag on their official vehicles—

- (a) the Governor;
- (b) the Deputy Governor;
- (c) the Speaker of the County Assembly.

