



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AROUND THE WORLD IN GENERAL AND THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY REGION IN PARTICULAR

By Hon. Mike Sebalu and adopted by the Assembly on 21st August 2013

WHEREAS Article 7 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community on operational principles of the Community recognizes that the Principles that shall govern the practical achievement of the objectives of the Community shall among others include people centeredness;

WHEREAS Article 5 (1) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community further states that the objectives of the Community shall be to develop policies and programmes aimed at widening and deepening co-operation among the Partner States in political, economic, social and cultural fields, research and technology, defence, security and legal and judicial affairs, for their mutual benefits;

NOTING THAT Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business, professional and community leaders, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world;

FURTHER NOTING THAT "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" was the world's first service club and is still the oldest and biggest service organization in the world, with the first Rotary Club having been founded in Chicago, Illinois, USA, on February 23, 1905;

APPRECIATING THAT as of 31st March 2013, there were 1,215,679 service-minded men and women – ROTARIANS- in over 200 countries, 34,380 clubs, 9,899 Rotaract club youths (18-30 yrs), with over 227,677 members, 15,570 Interact clubs (students 12-18) with over 358,110 members, 7,498 Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) with over 172,454 members;

FURTHER NOTING THAT Rotary Clubs meet weekly in local areas across the world with interesting and informative programs dealing with topics of local and global importance while noting that membership reflects a wider cross-section of community representation and clubs addressing critical issues at home and abroad by providing health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development, and education to millions of people in need. Rotary's focus areas include: water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, economic empowerment, maternal and child health among others;

AWERE THAT "THE ROTARY FOUNDATION" is an essential arm of Rotary which each year provides some US\$100 Million for international scholarships, cultural exchanges, and humanitarian projects (large and small) that improve the quality of life for millions of people;

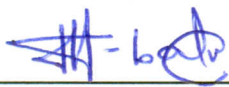
FURTHER AWARE THAT "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" is committed to Polio Eradication, and works with national and international health organizations towards the goal of eradicating polio around the world where more than one billion children in developing nations have been immunized against polio through Polio Eradication grants. While Rotarians through their clubs and personal contributions, have raised over 2 Billion dollars for this campaign. The initiative of 2013-18, polio eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan is US\$ 5.5 billion;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly do resolve to:

1. Commend the Rotary International for their drive to provide humanitarian services that include water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, economic empowerment, maternal and child health;
2. Further commend the Rotary International for the initiative of the 2013 – 2018 polio eradication and end game strategic plan worth 5.5 billion USD\$;

3. Urge Rotary International to increase the coverage of its humanitarian services within the EAC region and especially those areas which are in dire need especially the refugee camps in the EAC region;
4. Commend the District Governor – District 9211 – Emmanuel Katangole, for his drive to increase the membership of rotary clubs in order to widen coverage of its services; and
5. Urge the Rotary District 9211 to enhance partnership with the Assembly in championing the cause of a people-centred East African Integration.

CERTIFIED BY:



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